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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
Of Ancient
Free and Accepted Masons
OF CANADA,
AT ITS
NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
HELD AT THE
CITY OF HAMILTON, JULY 13, A. L. 5864, A. D. 1864.



ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

WILLIAM B. SIMPSON, KINGSTON,
GRAND MASTER.
THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON,
GRAND SECRETARY.

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ADDENDA.

PAGE 454, tenth line from the top, for "and *where* the well-known," &c., read "and *were* the," &c., &c.

PAGE 508, ARTICLE 6, should read as follows:—"Should neither the Worshipful Master *nor the* Wardens of a Lodge, attend any Communication of Grand Lodge, such Lodge by its vote, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and under seal, may delegate *any* Master or Past Master entitled to a seat in Grand Lodge to represent their Lodge; *but no proxy shall be valid unless the name of the Brother so delegated shall be written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge;* no Brother can represent more than three Lodges."

PAGE 515, ARTICLE 1, of District Deputy Grand Master: after the words "nominated by" read "*the majority of,*" &c., &c.



Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At the Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the City of Hamilton, commencing on the second Wednesday, the 13th day of July, A.L., 5864, A.D., 1864.

PRESENT.

M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

R. W. Br.	William B. Simpson,	Deputy Grand Master
" " "	George Masson,	D.D.G.M., London District
" " "	David Curtis,	" Wilson "
" " "	William Bellhouse,	" Hamilton "
" " "	Lawrence H. Henderson,	" Pr. Edward "
" " "	Alexander G. Macdonell,	" Central "
" " "	A. A. Stevenson,	" Montreal "
" " "	David Browne,	" E. Townships "
" " "	Richard Pope,	" Quebec "
" " "	Henry Macpherson,	Grand Senior Warden
" " "	James Seymour,	as " Junior "
" " "	Rev. Vincent Clementi,	" Chaplain
" " "	Henry Groff,	" Treasurer
" " "	John H. Graham,	" Registrar
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	" Secretary
V. " "	Charles D. Macdonnell,	" Senior Deacon
" " "	Alexander Kirkpatrick,	as " Junior "
" " "	Frederick James Rastrick,	" Sup't of Works

V. W.	Br.	C. J. S. Askin,	Grand Dir. of Ceremon's
"	"	Thomas McCracken,	Assist. " Secretary
"	"	John Paterson,	" Sword Bearer
"	"	Frederick C. Dettmers,	" Organist
"	"	Henry Carlisle,	Assist. " "
"	"	Stanislaus H. Blondheim,	" Pursuivant
"	"	W. W. Summers,	as " Tyler.
V.	"	George W. Parker,	} Grand Stewards
"	"	William Smeaton,	
"	"	Geo. L. Graham,	
"	"	James Reynolds,	
			as

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W.	Br.	William M. Wilson,	P.G.M.
"	"	W. C. Stephens,	P.G.M.
R.	"	James Moffatt,	P.D.D.G.M.
"	"	Æmilius Irving,	P.D.D.G.M.
"	"	George T. Morehouse,	P.D.D.G.M.
"	"	William Fitch,	P.D.D.G.M.
"	"	Charles W. Matheson,	P.D.D.G.M.
"	"	Wm. H. Weller,	P.D.D.G.M.
"	"	Thomas Ridout,	P.D.D.G.M.
"	"	Samuel D. Fowler,	P.G.S.W.
"	"	Robert Spence,	P.G.S.W.
"	"	James Seymour,	P.G.J.W.
"	"	William A. Osgoode,	P.G.J.W.
V.	"	William F. Biggar,	P.G. Superintendent of Works
"	"	Wm. Graham,	P.G.D.
"	"	Thomas Matheson,	P.G.S.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. W.	Br.	William C. Stephens,	Grand Lodge of England
"	"	William Mercer Wilson,	" " { Illinois and St. Domingo.
R.	"	Thomas B. Harris,	" " Kansas
"	"	John Hamilton Graham,	" " Maine

PAST MASTERS.

V. W. Br. F. C. Dettmers	W. Br. Joseph Figg
R. " " David Browne	" " A. B. Parmelee
" " Robert M. Wilson	R. " " George Masson
R. " " S. D. Fowler	" " James Hoey
" " " Geo. T. Morehouse	" " John P. Featherston
" " " W. A. Osgood	" " Robert Lyon
" " " Wm. B. Simpson	V. " " F. J. Rastrick
" " B. E. Charlton	M. " " W. C. Stephens
" " H. B. Bull	" " James B. Holden
" " Thomas C. Macnabb	R. " " John H. Graham
V. " " W. F. Biggar	" " W. J. Allison
" " " John S. Walker	" " George H. Borlase
R. " " William Fitch	" " James Macfadden
V. " " Geo. W. Parker	" " Jordan Charles
M. " " William M. Wilson	" " J. W. H. Wilson
R. " " Henry Groff.	" " Wm. S. Rogers
" " " C. W. Matheson	" " Russel H. Read
" " John Williamson	R. " " Robert Spence
R. " " L. H. Henderson	" " Donald McMurchy
" " Edmund J. Sisson	" " Joseph W. Parker
" " John Kerr	R. " " Henry Macpherson
R. " " James Seymour	" " H. M. Cleland
" " Charles P. Camp	V. " " C. D. Macdonnell
V. " " John Paterson	" " Henry Dumble
R. " " Æmilins Irving	" " John Wood
" " " W. H. Weller	" " Edward A. Walker
V. " " William Smeaton	" " William Trent
R. " " A. A. Stevenson	V. " " William Graham
" " " James Moffatt	" " William Lynass
" " William Daniell	" " Robert Dick
" " Daniel Spry	" " James McMahon
" " H. V. Sanders	R. " " Rev. V. Clementi
" " John S. Henderson	" " Richard White
V. " " James M. Rogerson	" " Wesley Howell
R. " " William Bellhouse	V. " " Wm. Story
" " Yeoman Gibson	R. " " Thomas Ridout

W. Br. J. Milne	W. Br. John Renshaw
" " Robert S. Manning	R. " " A. G. Macdonell
" " Jabez Amsden	" " George S. Graham
" " John Parry	V. " " George L. Graham
" " William Montague	" " Gilbert T. Bastedo
R. " " Thos. B. Harris	" " Henry Watson
V. " " Isaac P. Willson	" " James Bowman
" " John W. Murton	" " S. B. Fairbanks
V. " " Thomas McCracken	" " F. Keller
" " John W. Baine	V. " " Thomas Matheson
" " W. G. Crawford	" " A. Worthington
" " C. H. VanNorman	V. " " Charles Kahn
" " H. D. Morehouse	" " John M. Horsey
R. " " D. Curtis	M. " " T. D. Harington
" " James Bullock	" " Wm. Given
V. " " C. J. S. Askin	" " Joseph Jackes
R. " " Richard Pope	

A Constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, was opened in *Ample* form at One o'Clock, P. M.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, having appointed W. Bro. E. A. Walker, D. W. Bryan and James Bain, a Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies of Lodges, reported the following, viz. :

—	<i>Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal.</i>
	V.W. Br. F. C. Dettmers, W.M.
No. 1.	<i>Prevost Lodge, Dunham.</i>
	W. Br. S. Baker, W.M.
	" W. C. Baker, S.W.
	R.W. " David Browne, P.M.
No. 2.	<i>Niagara Lodge, Niagara.</i>
	Br. Alexander Servos, S.W.
	W. " R. M. Willson, P.M.

- No. 3. *St. John's Lodge, Kingston.*
W. Br. Alexander Kirkpatrick, W.M.
" P. Geraghty, S.W.
R. W. " S. D. Fowler, P.M.
- No. 4. *Dorchester Lodge, St. Johns.*
R.W. Br. George T. Morehouse, P.M. and Rep.
" " " W. A. Osgoode, P.M.
- No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville.*
Br. David Wylie, S. W.
R.W. " W. B. Simpson, P.M.
- No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton.*
W. Br. Benjamin E. Charlton, W.M.
" John Rennie, S.W.
" " H. B. Bull, P.M.
" " Thomas C. Macnabb, P.M.
- No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby.*
V.W. Br. W. F. Biggar, W.M.
" George Book, J.W.
R.W. Br. Wm. Fitch, P.M.
V.W. " John S. Walker, P.M.
- No. 8. *Nelson Lodge, Phillisburgh.*
V.W. Br. George W. Parker, P.M. and Rep.
- No. 9. *Union Lodge, Napanee.*
Br. H. M. Wright, S.W.
- No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe.*
W. Br. John Williamson, W.M.
" John Wilson, S. W.
M. " " William M. Wilson, P.M.
R. " " Charles W. Matheson, P.M.
" " " Henry Groff, P.M.
- No. 11. *Moirs Lodge, Belleville.*
R.W. Br. L. H. Henderson, P.M. and Rep.
" " Edmund J. Sisson, P.M.
- No. 13. *Western Light Lodge, Bolton.*
W. Br. John Kerr, (proxy.)
- No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines.*
R.W. Br. James Seymour, P.M. and Rep.
" " Charles P. Camp, P.M.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.*
W. Br. James Bain, W.M.
V. " " John Paterson, P.M.
R. " " Æmilus Irving, P.M.

- No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg.*
R. W. Br. Wm. H. Weller, W.M.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward Lodge, Picton.*
V. W. Br. William Smeaton, W.M.
" William Currie, S.W.
- No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal.*
R. W. Br. Alex. A. Stevenson, P.M. (proxy.)
- No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London.*
R. W. Br. James Moffat, P.M. (proxy.)
" " William Daniell, P.M.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto.*
W. Br. Charles W. Bunting, W.M.
" William Arthurs, J.W.
V. " " Daniel Spry, P.M.
- No. 24. *St. Francis Lodge, Smith's Falls.*
W. Br. John White, W.M.
- No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto.*
W. Br. Nicol Kingsmill, W.M.
" W. N. Radenhurst, J.W.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope.*
W. Br. H. V. Sanders, P.M.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton.*
V.W. Br. James M. Rogerson, W.M.
" W. W. Pringle, S.W.
" F. C. Bruce, J.W.
R. " " William Bellhouse, P.M.
" " John S. Henderson, P.M.
- No. 28. *Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptville.*
R.W. Br. Wm. B. Simpson, (proxy.)
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby.*
W. Br. Yeoman Gibson, W.M.
" J. B. Powell, S.W.
- No. 31. *Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville.*
W. Br. J. W. McArthur, W.M.
" B. Patterson, J.W.
" " J. Milne, P.M.
" " Robert S. Manning, P.M.
- No. 32. *Amity Lodge, Dunville.*
W. Br. Jabez Amsden, S.W. and P.M.
" " John Parry, P.M.
" " William W. Montague, P.M.
- No. 35. *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga.*
R.W. Br. Thomas B. Harris, (proxy.)

- No. 36. *Welland Lodge, Fonthill.*
W. Br. Isaac P. Willson, P.M., (proxy.)
- No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll.*
W. Br. James Gustin, W.M.
- No. 38. *Trent Lodge, Trenton.*
W. Br. George S. Graham, (proxy.)
- No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton.*
W. Br. John W. Murton, W.M.
" Charles W. Smith, S.W.
R. W. " Thomas B. Harris, P.M.
V. " " Thomas McCracken, P.M.
" " John W. Baine, P.M.
" " Wm. G. Crawford, P.M.
" " C. H. VanNorman, P.M.
- No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London.*
W. Br. F. Westlake, W. M.
" John W. Cryer, S.W.
" " H. D. Morehouse, P.M.
- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford.*
R.W. Br. David Curtis, W.M.
" " Joseph Bullock, (proxy.)
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham.*
W. Br. R. J. Earl, W.M.
V. " " Charles J. S. Askin, P.M.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor.*
W. Br. J. Hutton, W.M.
- No. 49. *Harington Lodge, Quebec.*
R. W. Br. R. Pope, P.M., (proxy.)
- No. 51. *Corinthian Lodge, Grahamville.*
W. Br. Joseph Figg, W.M.
- No. 53. *Shefford Lodge, Waterloo.*
W. Br. A. B. Parmelee, P.M. and Rep.
- No. 54. *Vaughan Lodge, Maple.*
W. Br. John Kerr, (proxy.)
- No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia.*
W. Br. William Ireland, W.M.
R. " " George Masson, P.M.
- No. 57. *Harmony Lodge, Binbrook*
W. Br. James Hoey, W.M.
- No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa.*
W. Br. John P. Featherston, W.M.

- No. 59. *Corinthian Lodge, Ottawa.*
W. Br. Robert Lyon, W.M.
- No. 60. *Hoyle Lodge, La Colle.*
R. W. Br. A. A. Stevenson, (proxy.)
- No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton.*
W. Br. William Reid, W.M.
“ Johnston Waddell, S.W.
M. “ “ W. C. Stephens, P.M.
R. “ “ Thos. B. Harris, P.M.
V. “ “ Frederick J. Rastrick, P.M.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia.*
W. Br. James B. Holden, W.M.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London.*
W. Br. J. Wylie, W.M.
“ James Hargreaves, J.W.
- No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle.*
Br. A. S. Northrop, S.W.
- No. 67. *St. Francis Lodge, Richmond.*
R.W. Br. John H. Graham, W.M.
- No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll.*
W. Br. W. J. Allison, W.M.
- No. 71. *Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke.*
W. Br. George H. Borlase, P.M. and Rep.
- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt.*
W. Br. Otto Klotz, W.M.
“ T. S. Fisher, S.W.
“ Malcolm McFarland, J.W.
R. W. “ Æmilius Irving, P.M.
- No. 73. *St. James' Lodge, St. Marys.*
W. Br. James Macfadden, W.M.
“ J. B. Hudson, S.W.
- No. 74. *St. James' Lodge, Maitland.*
W. Br. John Morey, W.M.
- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto.*
W. Br. Thomas Gundry, W. M.
“ “ John Kerr, P.M.
- No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock.*
W. Br. Jordan Charles, W.M.
- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tillsonburg.*
W. Br. Peter Taylor, W.M.
- No. 79. *Simcoe Lodge, Bradford,*
W. Br. J. W. H. Wilson, W.M.

- No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury.*
R. W. Br. James Moffat. (proxy.)
- No. 81. *St. John's Lodge, Delaware.*
W. Br. William S. Rogers, W.M.
- No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris.*
W. Br. Joseph Bullock, P.M.
" James McKay, J.W.
- No. 83. *Beaver Lodge, Strathroy.*
W. Br. J. Wylie, (proxy.)
- No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton.*
W. Br. Russel H. Read, P.M. and Rep.
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto.*
R. W. Br. Robert Spence, P.M.
" M. H. Irish, S.W.
- No. 87. *Markham Union Lodge, Markham.*
W. Br. Donald McMurchy, W.M.
- No. 88. *St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound.*
W. Br. Joseph W. Parker, W.M.
R. " " Henry, Macpherson, P.M.
- No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood.*
W. Br. H. M. Cleland, W.M.
" Henry Robertson, J.W.
- No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne.*
W. Br. George Goslee, W.M.
" C. R. Ford, S.W.
- No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston*
V. W. Br. Charles D. Macdonnell, P.M.
" " " Stanislaus H. Blondheim, G. Pur.
" Henry Dumble, P.S.W.
" Robert Hendry, Junr., J.W.
- No. 94. *St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley.*
R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, (proxy.)
- No. 95. *Ridout Lodge, Otterville.*
R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, (proxy.)
" " John Wood, P.M.
- No. 96. *Corinthian Lodge, Barrie.*
W. Br. Lewyllan Oliver, W.M.
" " Edward A. Walker, P.M.
- No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon.*
W. Br. Wm. Trent, P.M.

- No. 98. *True Blue Lodge, Albion.*
W. Br. Robert H. Booth, W.M.
" Robert Dick, S.W.
- V. " " William Graham, P.M.
" " William Lynuss, P.M.
- No. 99. *Tustan Lodge, Newmarket.*
W. Br. Wm Bishop, S.W.
" " Wm. Trent, P.M.
- No. 100. *Valley Lodge, Dundas.*
W. Br. Thomas Miller, W.M.
" James Quackenbush, S.W.
" " James McMahon, P.M.
- No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro'.*
W. Br. Richard White, W.M.
R. " " Vincent Clementi, P.M.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines.*
Br. Henry Carlisle, S.W.
- No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford.*
W. Br. William H. Serpell, W.M.
- No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth.*
W. Br. D. B. Burch, W.M.
- No. 108. *Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo.*
W. Br. Wesley Howell, P. M.
- No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott.*
W. Br. James Reynolds, W.M.
- No. 112. *Maitland Lodge, Goderich.*
V. W. Br. Wm. Story, P.M.
- No. 114. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope.*
R. W. Br. Thomas Ridout, W.M.
" " H. V. Sanders, P.M.
- No. 117. *Stanbridge Lodge, Stanbridge*
W. Br. D. W. Bryan, W.M.
- No. 122. *Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew.*
W. Br. John Munro, Junr., W.M.
- No. 123. *The Belleville Lodge, Belleville.*
W. Br. Alfred Ellis, W M.
- No. 124. *Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal.*
W. Br. John Renshaw, P.M.
- No. 125. *Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall.*
R. W. Br. A. G. Macdonell, (proxy.)

- No. 126. *Golden Rule Lodge, Campbellsford.*
Br. Israel Humphries, S.W.
- No. 127. *Franck Lodge, Frankford.*
W. Br. George S. Graham, W.M.
- No. 128. *Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke.*
W. Br. Robert Lyon, (proxy.)
- No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora.*
V. W. Br. Geo. L. Graham, W.M.
- No. 133. *Lebanon Forest Lodge, Exeter.*
W. Br. William Porte, (proxy.)
- No. 135. *St. Clair Lodge, Milton.*
W. Br. Robert Matheson, W.M.
“ W. L. P. Eager, S.W.
“ J. A. Campbell, J.W.
“ “ Gilbert Tice Bastedo, P.M.
“ “ Henry Watson, P.M.
- No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Cushel.*
W. Br. John Stephenson, W.M.
“ “ James Bowman, P.M.
- No. 137. *Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford.*
R. W. Br. Henry Macpherson, (proxy.)
- No. 139. *Labanon Lodge, Oshawa.*
W. Br. S. B. Fairbanks, W.M.
“ “ F. Keller, P.M.
- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell.*
V.W. Br. Thos. Matheson, W. M.
- No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburgh.*
R. W. Br. A. G. Macdonell, P.M. and Rep.
- No. 143. *Friendly Brothers Lodge, Iroquois.*
R. W. Br. A. G. Macdonell, (proxy.)
“ “ A. Worthington, P.M.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford.*
V. W. Br. Charles Kahn, W. M.
- No. 146. *Prince of Wales' Lodge, Newburgh.*
W. Br. John M. Horsey, W.M.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Quebec.*
M. W. Br. T. D. Harington, P. M. (proxy.)
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover.*
W. Br. Peter Lawson, W.M.
- No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin.*
Br. J. S. Hoffman, S.W.

- No. 153. *Burns Lodge, Wyoming.*
W. Br. Wm. Given, W.M.
- No. 154. *Irving Lodge, Lucan,*
W. Br. William Porte, W.M.
- No. 155. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterboro'.*
V. W. Br. Thos. McCracken, (proxy.)
- No. 156. *York Lodge, Eglinton.*
W. Br. Joseph Jackes, W.M.
" William Jackes, J.W.

UNDER DISPENSATION.

- Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs.*
W. Br. George S. Jarvis, W. M.
- Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, C.W.*
W. Br. John P. Featherstone, (proxy.)
- Quebec Garrison Lodge, Quebec.*
M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, (proxy.)
- Percy Lodge, Warkworth.*
W. Br. Israel Humphries, W.M.
- Forest Lodge, Wroxeter.*
W. Br. A. Worthington, W.M.
- Brown Lodge, Adamville.*
W. Br. D. W. Bryan, (proxy.)
R. " " David Browne, W.M.
- Star in the East Lodge, Wellington.*
V. W. Br. William Smeaton, (proxy.)
- Burlington Lodge, Wellington Square.*
W. Br. Francis Baker, W.M.
" James L. Gage, S.W.
" C. Richardson, J.W.

The Report from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies was, on motion, received and adopted.

A large number of Visiting Brethren being in attendance the M. W. Grand Master granted leave for the admission of Master Masons, in good standing, to the visitors' gallery.

The Grand Secretary read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge, during the time of public business.

It was moved by R. W. Brother S. D. Fowler, seconded by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, held at the City of Montreal, on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th days of July, 1863, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to all Lodges under this jurisdiction, be considered read, and that the following words be inserted in Article 2, "Of Grand Master,"—*Notified by him to the Grand Secretary*—and, as amended, be confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master read the following address to the assembled brethren :

A D D R E S S ,

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Canada, assembled in Annual Communication at Hamilton, 13th July, 1864.

BRETHREN :

We now assemble for our Ninth Annual Communication. For nine years has the G.A.O.T.U. been mercifully pleased to spare us to meet each other in social intercourse and friendship, and consult together for our common good, and (all thanksgiving and humble gratitude be to Him,) the beginning of each Masonic year has shewn the Antient Craft to be advancing in prosperity and usefulness, and the Grand Lodge, to which we all acknowledge special allegiance, to have been making rapid strides to a vigorous manhood,—what was born in 1855 has become the fostering parent of upwards of one hundred and sixty Lodges, all working I have reason to believe, in order, peace, and harmony, and with a continually growing family. I am happy to tell Grand Lodge, that, I know of nothing, that seriously affects the symmetry, of our firmly founded Masonic edifice. Freemasons should be

eminently loyal men. Without loyalty they cannot be in practice what they profess to be, and therefore I make no apology, before noticing our own specific affairs, for mentioning, as a matter of sincere congratulation, the auspicious birth of a Prince ; born, let us hope and pray, to be a joy to its Illustrious Parents, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and an additional source, combined with the unwavering affection of Her subjects, of consolation to our widowed, good Queen ; and to secure to our common country the British Empire, a continuation of those virtues and excellencies that belongs to our Sovereign, and where the well-known attributes of the lamented Prince Consort, and which live not only in the national heart, but are freely acknowledged by the world at large. I am sure you will not be backward in expressing your sentiments on this happy event.

During the past year I have granted eight dispensations to hold the following new Lodges, viz :

<i>Alexandra</i>	at Oil Springs, County Lambton.
<i>Goodwood</i>	“ Richmond, C.W.
<i>Quebec Garrison</i> ...	“ Quebec.
<i>Percy</i>	“ Warkworth, Co. Northumberland.
<i>Forest</i>	“ Wroxeter, C.W.
<i>Browne</i>	“ Adamville, C. E.
<i>Star in the East</i>	“ Wellington, Co. Prince Edward.
<i>Burlington</i>	“ Wellington Square.

The Petitions in each case were regularly and strongly recommended, and I trust Grand Lodge will confirm them by Warrants.

I received a petition for a new “ *Wentworth* ” Lodge, to be held at Stony Creek, but as it was not recommended by a Lodge, though supported by the District Deputy Grand Master, I was obliged to decline granting a Dispensation, and I am unaware if further steps have been adopted, with a view to apply for a Warrant.

I have to report that Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, and Simcoe Lodge, No. 63, both held at Simcoe, have, for the advantage of our Order in their locality, amalgamated with my concurrence, and No. 63

having dissolved, the Warrant has been surrendered, and is in the custody of the Grand Secretary, to be cancelled by your authority.

Such of the proceedings of our Sister Grand Lodges, as have been received by the Grand Secretary are with the Board of General Purposes for general information, and, that we are on terms of friendly intercourse with all, I am thankful and happy to be able to state. I make some necessary remarks on some, which have come directly to my notice.

ENGLAND.

The Grand Lodge of England, as it promised to do, has erased from its list all Lodges claimed by me, as belonging to the Grand Lodge of Canada, retaining only those to which no objection can be raised, the Nos. of which I think it well to give *here*. They are 17 $\frac{214}{182}$ and $\frac{931}{648}$, Quebec; $\frac{514}{374}$ and $\frac{923}{640}$, Montreal; $\frac{729}{490}$, Goderich; $\frac{796}{544}$, Carleton Place, C. W., and $\frac{835}{571}$, Ottawa. The figures underneath are the existing numbers, $\frac{775}{532}$, St. John's, C.E., was also retained, but I pointed out the error, and it is to be rectified.

No. $\frac{943}{440}$, Montreal, is likewise claimed, and is the cause of the one only unadjusted difficulty. You have declared it to be an irregular body. The Grand Lodge of England as positively insists that it has never ceased to be one of her regular Lodges, and they base their decision and determination on the plain fact, that its Warrant was never surrendered in 1855, by the *unanimous* resolve of its members as proved by minutes accompanying a formal appeal for protection, and that she is the real judge of her own subordinate. I have *appended* the *important portion* of the correspondence to my present address, and Grand Lodge will there see that I made application for a copy of the evidence submitted to the Grand Lodge of England; for if there was not *unanimity* in the surrender of the Warrant, No. 643 has not ceased to have legal existence, and Masonic intercourse must be resumed with it.

My reasonable request was refused, and I think upon bad and not very courteous grounds; but since I was favoured with that

refusal by the Grand Secretary of England, acting by order of the Colonial Board, I have had the advantage of a personal call from Brother Brackstone Baker, a Canadian Mason, and, I may add from knowledge, a warm friend and advocate of the Grand Lodge of Canada, though at this time an influential *member* of the Grand Lodge of England, and its *Colonial Board*, and he assured me, in very kind but unhesitating terms, that the Grand Lodge of England claimed her Lodge under convincing testimony. It would be beneficial to dispose of this sole cause of difference altogether. It rests with you, of course, in what manner to do it. Brother Baker was no party to the Board's ultimate refusal, being on this continent, and I candidly express my opinion that his assertion, from his position, should not be lightly received. He bore gratifying testimony to the good feeling existing towards the Grand Lodge of Canada, which I endeavoured to impress upon him was truly reciprocal, and I wish he could have remained long enough in this country to have been personally introduced and welcomed at this Communication. I hope, however, to see the Representative of England in his place.

It was a great mistake we made in not determining a fixed date, when there must be exclusive jurisdiction throughout Canada, and serving a formal notice to that effect on the Grand Lodges having subordinates here, that these last might be numbered and registered and receive Warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada, or choose the alternative of dissolving. It was the natural sequence to the events occurring in and since 1855, and no compromise should have been entered into by us except as to *time*. I am only surprised that those few outstanding, and, as it were, isolated lodges, do not of their own accord, become an integral part of our Canadian nationality, and take the same pride in it as we do. It is very certain that if we were to endeavor to plant an offset in the old country, we should be denounced, and rightly so, and the Grand Lodges there have clearly no right to Lodges *ad infinitum* here. We are not absolutely the Grand Lodge of Canada, though declared and acknowledged so to be, while these few cometary fragments revolve in our system. They are theoretically under control, but practically are not. While misunderstandings, &c., can be and are remedied on *our part* by

a *present* supreme power, redress from these foreign Lodges, (foreign I mean as to jurisdiction) is a tedious, complicated process, if successful at last, and irregularities are not to be controlled at all—each of these Lodges acts really as if its own judge and jury. About three of them we have already been in difficulty, and are never out of danger of trouble with each and all. I believe no dishonor could attach to the Grand Lodge of Canada if, considering the *practical trouble* we have had to encounter, we were even now to issue a notification with respect to these lodges, such as we should have done when we took our place amongst the other Grand Lodges of Freemasonry. It is a delicate subject, but a matter of real grievance, and certainly opposed to masonic jurisprudence, and causes an important defect in our otherwise perfect structure.

The proceedings, in connection with the laying the corner stone, by the M.W. Grand Master of England, in April last, of a new and more commodious Freemasons' Hall, in London, have come to hand, and are very interesting. This has long been a desideratum with our English Brethern, and I am sure I embody your sentiments, when I congratulate them on the happy fulfilment of their desire, with every fraternal wish for their welfare, and the blessing of the G. A. O. T. U. on their undertaking.

SCOTLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has suffered a severe loss. Its esteemed grand master for the last twenty years the M. W. Brother the Duke of Athole, departed this life on the 16th of January last. Your Representative sent official information of this melancholy event, and did not fail to take part in the solemn ceremonies attending the funeral of that distinguished freemason. I requested him to express your deep sympathy with and for our sister Grand Lodge. Several funeral or sorrow lodges were subsequently held, and the expression of regret was universal. That eminent brother Sir Archibald Alison, P.G.M. for Glasgow, &c., describes the deceased Grand Master in these eloquent terms :—

“He belonged to a race which, for above a century, had

repeatedly given a Grand Master to the Freemasons of Scotland, and had never ceased to feel an interest in their proceedings. His own disposition rendered him peculiarly open to its influences, at once energetic and active, patient and enduring of suffering, resolute and humane, his spirit was unwearied, his heart was warm, his disposition was chivalrous. His ear was ever open to the tale of suffering, his hand ready to assuage it. * * * * *

Assailed in the prime of life by a slow, but incurable and most painful disease, he bore his sufferings with fortitude, and looked forward to the issue without dismay. For three months he was face to face with the "king of terrors" in his most appalling form, and he never flinched from the sight. His whole thought was of others; his whole anxiety to discharge his duty to his Queen, his people and his country. * * * * * When his sufferings were terminated, he yielded up his last breath with the hope of a Christian, with the courage of a Highlander, and in the spirit of a Freemason." Brethren, this is a noble epitaph, worthy of all parties, and one which every real Freemason should be sincerely and truthfully entitled to have pronounced over his memory.

VERMONT.

Over the remains of one of our first and stoutest of friends, the M. W. Brother Tucker, late Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, a suitable monument has been erected by his Brethren, who loved the good and true old man, and had cheerfully submitted to his rule for a long period. The subject was brought to my notice by M.W. Brother Bernard, the Representative of Vermont, and being aware of the high estimation in which you held the late Brother Tucker, who, at the time of his death, held rank as Past Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of Canada, I directed a contribution to be made from your funds towards this testimonial of worthily earned respect, and entrusted to Brother Bernard, the graceful, and to him specially gratifying task, of making known our desire of participation. I am glad to say that the act was appreciated and welcomed and warmly acknowledged, and I hope Brother Bernard will be present to report to you all that occurred

in his well-known eloquent language, though he has forwarded the papers to me in the event of unavoidable absence.

MAINE.

Our R. W. Brother Cyril Pearl has made known his resignation of the appointment of Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in Canada. He advised me also that our R. W. Grand Registrar, Brother John H. Graham, was nominated to succeed him, an appointment I could not do otherwise than approve, and, on the presentation of his credentials, I propose, with your concurrence, to confer upon him, as a member of this Grand Lodge, the honorary rank of Past Grand Junior Warden.

PENNSYLVANIA.

From the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania I have received a fraternal communication, expressive of its desire for a free interchange of information; and to ensure the safe reception of its own proceedings, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence took the trouble to forward copies to each Grand Master, as well as Grand Secretary, and an explanatory letter at the same time. I have replied with thanks, and in terms inviting a mutual representation.

With regard to the Grand Lodges of the United States, generally, it is pleasant to notice the manifold injunctions to Freemasons under their control, to remember their Order, and to endeavor to render it subservient to lessening the misery caused by the long, bloody and unnatural strife still raging there. While all mourn for the unhappy condition of their country, and the amount of human suffering witnessed, they point out that in war as in peace, the Masonic duties and privileges are alike binding and reciprocal. "No *political* struggles can affect the standing of a brother, nor interfere with the mission of Masonry, which is to try to mitigate suffering and alleviate distress." I have been particularly struck with Missouri, where many Lodge rooms have been robbed of all furniture, jewels, records, everything of the slightest value. The Committee on Grievances report

thus nobly and masonically: "It is not for us, who have preserved relations of loyalty, to pronounce sentence of outlawry upon brothers, who, wherever they may be, are as conscientious in *their* action as we claim to be in *ours*. We may grieve that so many of our brethren entertain conflicting political sentiments, that lead to civil war and carnage; but as Masons we hope the day will never come when our Lodge rooms will be closed against a worthy brother on account alone of political opinions." South Carolina, by the mouth of her Grand Master, is singularly impressive in warning that all Masons "are to be met with all due and regular inter-communication, whether met in Lodges dedicate, or only known by divers means, in darkness or light, in health or sickness, in wealth or want, in peril or safety, in prison, escape or freedom, in charity or evil-mindedness, armed or unarmed, friend or seeming foe." Brethren, this is as it should be—true Freemasonry!

I now return home again, and, first, it is my melancholy duty to report the departure from amongst us of several Brethren. It has pleased God that their labor should cease and they be at rest, since we met last year. I cannot give you their names in detail, but I grieve to have to tell you, that the circumstances attending the death of some were of a lamentable nature. The District Deputy Grand Master for the Ontario District, Brother Joseph Brock, and Brother G. W. Powell, of Simcoe, put a period to their existence, deprived of God's light of reason, and Brother W. H. Pardy, died an inmate of a lunatic asylum. All were members of Grand Lodge, and two of them, I am told, left their families in very destitute circumstances. I felt it to be incumbent on me to afford some temporary relief to their suffering widows, leaving it to you to adopt additional measures, if upon inquiry, they were found necessary. The Grand Registrar brought to my notice the condition of the widow of the late Reverend Brother Falloon, chaplain of his Lodge. He has left a large, young family, and their straitened circumstance, demand consideration. The above cases were specially made known to me, and I should be wanting in my duty if I failed to take this early occasion of mentioning them to Grand Lodge

I have, during the past year, to the best of my ability, examined into and arranged the matters referred to me for final adjudication. I have acted conscientiously, I know, and I believe justly. M. W. Brother Stephens, I am glad to say, is in possession of his well-earned testimonial, and the jewel ordered by your resolution last year is ready for presentation of your Grand Pursuivant, a most deserving officer. After due consideration, I determined to be in no hurry in the appointment of a special Committee to report upon the Masonic Districts, with a view to reconstruction, &c., thinking that Lodges or Brethren, if they really desired a change, would open some kind of a communication with me on the subject; but I have not received a single word, and, therefore, remembering the former pains taken in dividing the Districts, and the already large number of Grand and Past Grand Officers, I concluded to let well alone, and the matter remains intact.

Many Dispensations have been asked of and granted by me—many constitutional queries have been propounded and replied to—and various minor complaints I have endeavored to dispose of satisfactorily; my object being at all times to save Grand Lodge, whose time is of too much consequence to be diverted from matters of real importance.

The revision of our Constitution has to be resumed from where we left off, and in connection with this I may mention that I have been repeatedly asked by Lodges for authority to elect a Master for a third year, and also to initiate candidates in one Lodge, his place of residence being nearer to another. I really hope that the clauses of the Constitution, rendering these applications necessary, will be repealed. My opinion (of course an individual one only) is, that when a Lodge has secured a good Master it should have the privilege of keeping him in office. I think the English Constitution alone restricts the periods. And I do think also, that the candidate who resolves to run the gauntlet of the ballot and inquiry, of his own free will and accord, should of right be allowed to choose the Lodge in which to incur the risk, and be welcomed into our order by friends, who take a personal interest in him, and are, as it were, more immediately concerned in his proving a credit to the craft, instead of light dawning upon

him probably amidst comparative strangers. Wherever an objection has come to my knowledge it has been one of pounds, shillings and pence, and I believe the law to belong to this continent alone. Dissatisfaction exists with respect to the present law of "Honorary Members." It is not clear. The privilege is generally conferred on old members, and their Lodges wish naturally to make it as ample a privilege as possible, not only as a mark of esteem, but as one method of appreciating past service.—That this is a right inherent to the Lodge itself, there is no doubt, and I would recommend adding to the end of the clause, which enacts that Honorary Membership does not give the "*right*" of *voting*, the words— "except it be so especially declared by open vote of the Lodge at the time of election," or to that effect.

There are two subjects I think it necessary to submit likewise for consideration by Grand Lodge, with a view to some remedial measure being determined upon. The first is the qualification of Masters of Lodges. I have been told that in some Lodges even the proper ceremony of opening and closing is not understood and the appointment of a Grand Lecturer has been suggested, to be elected by Grand Lodge, and classed amongst the officers and paid a salary. It is not to be expected that District Deputy Grand Masters, who have plenty of other Masonic business, besides their own private avocations to attend to, can spare the necessary time, however much they may have the inclination, thoroughly and systematically to instruct Lodges in the proper working. The second subject I mention more in the light of a caution than otherwise, I am afraid, from what I hear, that there is not sufficient precaution observed in the admittance of foreign visitors, and joining members to our Lodges; that there is too much of what I call taking things for granted. Now, in these troublous times more especially, very great circumspection is absolutely necessary, and *no test can be too severe* to establish recognition and good standing. The examination should not be allowed to degenerate into one of mere form, and the exhibition of a certificate that all is right and on the square, should be rigidly insisted on. Incalculable mischief may result from carelessness, not alone to ourselves, but to others, and Freemasonry be brought into disrepute, not to speak of differences arising with,

and complaints preferred by other Masonic bodies, for an unfortunate admittance into one Lodge generally acts as a voucher of character into others and the evil continually multiplies.

I think it my duty to say that some kind of strange body appears to be trying to gain an existence in the United States. It is called an association of "*Conservators*." Its real arm, as well as I can make out, is to carry on a kind of book-selling business, by disposing of some kind of unauthorized Ritual, Lectures, &c., under a plea of their being the only correct, original standards. The association is generally denounced, and Lodges and Brethren must understand that it is entirely illegal to encourage it and its works in Canada.

The *Reports of the Board of General Purposes* and of the several *District Deputy Grand Masters* will furnish you with full information respecting your general finances, fund of benevolence, investments, &c., and also of the general condition of local Masonry throughout your jurisdiction. I think I have forgotten nothing of general interest. Breaches of masonic law have occurred on the part of Lodges, rendering them liable to much censure, but, believing as I do, that they have been perpetrated in haste, and under a feeling of excitement at the time, and are not likely again to occur, I am desirous that they should sink into oblivion, and be as things that never were.

My Brethren, I would in conclusion once again, as I did last year, invite you to reflect on the signs of the times. You may be required, sooner than any of us think, to give up peace and comfort for danger and distress. The European horizon is by no means a clear one. The final effect upon us of the unfortunate civil war still raging in the neighboring States, cannot yet be foretold, or even guessed at. It is for us, thereof, to try and keep our houses in order, to perform our allotted tasks while it is yet day, and then we shall be quite prepared to do our duty as men and Masons, in any way we may be called upon, never forgetting that in peace or tumult, the aim of our ancient and honorable order is the cultivation of morality and virtue, and practical benevolence and charity to all mankind. In the carrying on of this design Masonic statistics state that there are

in both hemispheres, some 9,000 *Lodges*, and probably *three million and a half of members*, more or less active. That our motives and acts are miserably misconstrued is not our fault—the fact that they are so is ever brought home to our very thresholds. In an article stated to have appeared in what is called the *Secret Journal of Freemasons*, on the continent of Europe, and re-published by a newspaper, at Toronto, very recently, and which I cannot resist quoting, though its absurdity is manifest, and it carries its own refutation; our order is made to foster political plots and revolutionary proceedings. Italian Freemasonry is said to be especially occupied with *politics*. Lord Palmerston is made to “recall the British Ambassador, because the latter supported the Italian Lodges in acquiring independent self-government, thereby annihilating the secret English tribunal in Italy.” And it is then seriously stated, that “the English Lodge had had the grief of seeing the Grand Lodge of Canada separate itself from the Thames, and the *political* differences which have arisen between Great Britain and Northern America, about Canada, are directly connected with this Lodge affair.” I am stated, by name, to have *excommunicated* two English Lodges and one Irish, and “an alliance between Canada and the United States is described to have been sealed by reciprocal visits and meetings.” Whether you will deem it expedient to notice such slander, I know not, I give it place to show that we are not afraid of the poison—the best antidote is our own conduct. We know that the avoidance of political topics and discussions is one of our landmarks, not to be defeated or removed.

May peace be with us and our country; may our Great Creator spare us to meet again, and may He continue to preserve our order, and cement and adorn it with every moral and social virtue.—So mote it be.

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,

Grand Master.

APPENDIX TO ADDRESS, 1864.

" 50 FORT STREET, DETROIT,
" 14th Sept., 1864.

" *T. D. Harington, Esq., Grand Master,*
" *G. L. of Canada.*

" M. W. GRAND MASTER,

" I am in receipt of a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, written by direction of the Colonial Board, requesting me to bring under your serious consideration the grave injustice that has been pursued by the Grand Lodge of Canada towards the 'St. George's' Lodge at Montreal, proclaiming them far and wide as irregular, and prohibiting intercourse with them by the Lodges, under your authority, notwithstanding that the 'St. George's' Lodge had ever been considered perfectly regular by its parent, the Grand Lodge of England.

" In the Report of the Colonial Board to the Grand Lodge of England, at its quarterly communication, in September, a copy of which I have the honor to enclose, they have felt reluctantly compelled, in connection with this subject, to refer to events that took place in Canada in the year 1855.

" In October of that year, *some* of the members of the 'St. George's' Lodge withdrew from the Lodge and joined the Grand Lodge of Canada, but the secession of a portion of the Lodge in no wise precluded the members who preferred remaining under the Grand Lodge of England, from continuing their Masonic labors.

" In February, 1856, it is shown by the minutes, that the Lodge was at work, and, even if no meetings had been held in the interim, an interval of three or four months could by no argument be construed into a total disruption of the Lodge. At that meeting a committee was appointed to take steps for the recovery of the records and paraphernalia of the Lodge, which had been removed by those who had seceded from the Lodge and renounced their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England.

" In April, 1856, the Lodge was visited by the Prov. Grand Master of Montreal and William Henry, and communications were read in the Lodge from the Prov. Grand Secretary, unquestionably establishing the regularity of the Lodge at that period; and the returns made to the Grand Lodge of England prove that they have continued their meetings to the present time.

" The Colonial Board are confident, that the erroneous opinion of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as to the position of the 'St.

George's' Lodge, has resulted from imperfect information, and they feel assured that on this representation of the facts of the case, you, most worshipful Sir, will at once take such steps, as to you may seem advisable, to remove the stigma that has been thrown upon the 'St. George's' Lodge, that you will readily acknowledge the error into which you have been inadvertently drawn, and direct the Lodges under your jurisdiction to offer the right hand of fellowship to the 'St. George's' Lodge and its members.

"I have the honor to remain,

"M. W. Grand Master,

"Yours fraternally,

(Signed)

"W. C. STEPHENS,

"Rep. of G. L. of England."

THE REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD, ALLUDED TO IN THE FOREGOING LETTER.

"*To the United Grand Lodge of*

"*Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.*

"The Colonial Board beg to report that they have received a communication from the 'St. George's' Lodge, No. 440, (late No. 643), Montreal, complaining that the Grand Lodge of Canada continues to prohibit Lodges under its jurisdiction from holding Masonic intercourse with the members of their Lodge, on the alledged ground that 'St. George's' Lodge is working irregularly, and moreover affirming that it had once surrendered its warrant and joined the Grand Lodge of Canada.

"The Colonial Board find no reason for this assumption on the part of the Grand Lodge of Canada. They had called for, and had laid before them, certified copies of the Minutes of the 'St. George's' Lodge for the year 1856; the Minutes for the preceeding year cannot be furnished, seeing that certain brethren who seceded from the Lodge in 1855 carried away with them the books, jewels, and paraphernalia, which the members have fruitlessly endeavoured to recover.

"The Colonial Board refer to certain facts, shewing that the 'St. George's' Lodge is in all respects perfectly regular under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, and consequently ought to be so acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Canada; not only in pursuance of the conditions agreed to when that Grand

Lodge was recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, but also because the regularity of the 'St. George's' Lodge has never been called in question by the Grand Lodge of England, to whom alone it is accountable for any of its acts, and who only has a right to call its regularity into question.

"The facts to which the Colonial Board allude, are the following: In the latter part of the year 1855 certain brethren, belonging to Lodges under the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, formed themselves into what they then termed, 'The Independent Grand Lodge of Canada;' they were however denounced by a large majority of the Lodges in that country, then holding under the Grand Lodge of England, as illegal, and intercourse with the brethren and Lodges belonging to this self-constituted Grand Lodge was strictly forbidden. In June, 1857, which date is important, the largest proportion of the Lodges in Canada holding Warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, withdrew from their allegiance and formed themselves into a Grand Lodge, which they designated the 'Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada.' In the course of time these two bodies formed a junction and became the present Grand Lodge of Canada. Meanwhile, however, the 'St. George's' Lodge had continued its meetings with great regularity, and its proceedings in all essentials being conducted in most orderly and masonic manner, as evidenced by their minutes; and at one of their stated meetings, held on the 15th April, 1856, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Hon. William Bagley, visited the Lodge, and was thereupon invited to preside over the brethren then assembled. The regularity of the Lodge was then acknowledged by the only duly constituted masonic authority at the time existing in the Province of Montreal and William Henry. The Lodge also brought to the notice of their local chief, the said Brother Bagley, the abstraction of their jewels, &c., by the brethren who had joined what was termed by the Canadian Masons an irregular body, namely, the so-called Independent Grand Lodge of Canada.

"The Colonial Board regret having to revert to these facts; they would willingly have allowed the veil of oblivion to be drawn over the events, but, in justice to the 'St. George's' Lodge, which has retained its allegiance to its Mother Grand Lodge, and which has been most unfairly condemned by the Grand Lodge of Canada, who has no jurisdiction over it, but who ought to have rendered it, had need been, every countenance, support, and protection that one masonic body can afford to another. They are bound to point out to Grand Lodge that at the period when the Lodge is said to have separated itself from the Grand Lodge of England there was no legitimate masonic body in Canada

which it could have joined. It should also be born in mind that even if no meetings were held by the 'St. George's' Lodge between the establishment of the Independent Grand Lodge of Canada in October, 1855, and the commencement of the year, 1856, the fact of a Lodge not holding a meeting for a period of three months could in no wise affect its regularity.

"The Colonial Board have directed a communication to be addressed to the R. W. Brother W. C. Stephens, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Canada, requesting him to bring the subject seriously to the notice of the Grand Master of Canada, and to urge the necessity of a speedy adjustment of all differences; and although they consider that the Grand Lodge of England can claim as a right to have those Lodges in Canada under her Constitution, that she regards as regular respected by the Grand Lodge of Canada, they would prefer that the acknowledgment of the regularity of the 'St. George's' Lodge should be voluntarily admitted by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and which they feel confident will—as in justice ought to—be done when the Grand Master of Canada has all the circumstances before him.

"The importance of the subject has induced the Colonial Board to make a report at this stage of the proceedings, leaving the Grand Lodge to deal with the subject as may seem just."

(Signed)

"J. S. S. HOPWOOD,

"President."

"Freemasons' Hall,

"19th August, 1863."

I applied for a Copy of the Lodge minutes upon which the Colonial Board founded its favourable Report to the G. L. of England: I wrote to the Grand Secretary direct, having to acknowledge the receipt from him of the Masonic calendar for 1864, shewing the corrected list of Lodges, &c., more than one letter passed. The last were as follows.

T. D. H.

"FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON,
"June 7th, 1864.

"T. Douglas Harington, Esq., Quebec,
"Grand Master of Canada.

"M. W. GRAND MASTER,

"I am instructed by the Colonial Board to transmit to you the resolution come to this day, on reading your letter of the 26th April.

"The Colónial Board has had under its consideration the further communication from the M. W. Br. T. D. Harington, renewing his application for a copy of the minutes of the 'St. George's' Lodge, No. 440, Montreal, but having regard to the fact that the matter has already been adjudicated on, the Board cannot see the propriety of attempts to open the question in any way, and therefore thinks it would be inexpedient to furnish Brother Harington with a copy of the minutes of the "St. George's" Lodge, or any other of the facts and circumstances which led the Board to the conclusion to which it arrived; and the Board reiterates the hope and expectation, that the intimation of the Grand Master of Canada, that he expects to come to a satisfactory conclusion, and arrange the only unadjusted difference existing, may be speedily realized.

"I have, &c.,

(Signed) "WM. GRAY CLARKE,
"G. S."

"GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

"Grand Master's Office, Quebec, 27th June, 1864.

"R. W. Br. Wm. Gray Clarke,

"Grand Secretary, G.L. of England.

"R. W. SIR & BROTHER,

"I have received your letter of the 7th instant. It surprised me, and I was extremely sorry to read its contents. The Grand Lodge of Canada meets on the 13th proximo, and, though I will submit the additional correspondence relating to No. 643, for its consideration, I must state, for the information of the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of England, that I am effectually deprived of the power of advocating any reversal of the decree, that No. 643 is an irregular Lodge.

"The case may briefly be said to stand thus :—

"The Grand Lodge of Canada declares, with other matters, that the Warrant was regularly surrendered by *unanimous* consent—that the surrender was officially acknowledged by a competent officer, '*because the Lodge had ceased to work under the United Grand Lodge of England*'—(the original is before me as I write)—and therefore, by the well-known law of that Grand Lodge, it became extinct. That officer himself tells the Grand Master of England (*Report, October, 1860*) that in 1855 he summoned the Masters of Lodges to bring their Warrants to him, his object being to receive them back in all cases in which all the members had withdrawn. Nevertheless, under circumstances not necessary to repeat here, he handed back Warrant No. 643 to a number of

Masons, *not being members even*, much less those members who surrendered it, and consequently it does not now sanction it as a legal Lodge, with which intercourse can be held.

“The Grand Lodge of England, on the contrary, asserts that the Warrant was not surrendered by a unanimous resolve, and, therefore, under the same well-known law, the Lodge did not cease to hold the power of meeting, but ever has been and is now a perfectly lawful body, and should be recognized as such.

“The Grand Lodge of Canada furnished particulars, through me, as far back as December 1862, in support of her view of the matter, but as far as is known, those particulars have received neither consideration or notice, at the hands of the Grand Lodge of England.

“The Grand Lodge of England demands recognition, on the faith of certain *minutes* of the proceedings in 1856 of No. 643, in her possession, a copy of which the Grand Lodge of Canada applies to you for through me, and the possession of which I consider a right. I wrote, however, in a most friendly manner, so that I might be able to advise my Grand Lodge, if there has or has not really been a mistake about the unanimity of the surrender of the Warrant, which point is the key to the matter,—and your answer to this very natural desire for information is, that a subordinate Board of the Grand Lodge of England, of its own will, resolves that my action is an attempt to re-open a *settled* question, the propriety of which that Board cannot see, and adds a positive refusal to furnish copies of *any evidence*, &c., upon which it came to the decision it did, viz : to report to its governing head, the legality of No. 643.

“I hardly think a precedent for such an extraordinary course can be found ; at all events it renders futile at present my personal hope of arriving at a satisfactory solution of this vexed question.

“I beg to remain &c.,

(Signed)

“T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,

“Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada.”

On motion the foregoing address of the M. W. Grand Master was received and referred to the Board of General Purposes, for the consideration of the various subjects therein mentioned, and to report thereon at an early hour.

Reports of the R.W. District Deputy Grand Masters for the following Masonic District were read :

LONDON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled.*

M.W. G. MASTER, OFFICERS & BRETHREN,

In making my third report on the state of Freemasonry in the London District, I have to express my regret that, owing to my unavoidable absence from the province during the greater part of the year, I have not been able to devote that time and attention to the Lodges under my supervision, which it was my duty to bestow on them. I am, however, happy to be able to state that the masonic complaints and charges were of such a nature as to be easily and satisfactorily adjusted.

MASONIC DEATH.

I have been officially informed of the death of Br. Thomas D. Leward, who was buried with masonic honors.

NEW LODGE.

The M.W. Grand Master was pleased to grant a Dispensation to open a Lodge in the village of Oil Springs, and on the 29th of October, 1863, "Alexandra" Lodge was opened, and W. Br. George S. Jarvis was inducted as the Worshipful Master. The Lodge is now in good working order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE MASSON,

D.D.G.M., London District.

SARNIA, 9th July, 1864.

HURON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master and the
Grand Lodge of Canada.*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg to present my report for the district over which I have the honor to preside.

I am happy to say, that the prosperous state of masonry in this district, as mentioned in my last report, still continues ; much zeal has been shown by the several Worshipful Masters in preparing themselves for their duties, and which has had its good effect upon their respective Lodges. I have with pleasure also noticed the increased care exercised over the ballot. The harmonious working of the Lodges under my jurisdiction is further evinced from the fact, that during the past masonic year, I have not been called upon to investigate a single complaint against any brother.

The Lodges are now, with one or two exceptions, working the established ritual, and these exceptions are anxious to adopt the same, but are prevented from the fact of their being located in extreme sections of the country, and without the aid of any brother capable of instructing them in it. I may here mention the valuable assistance I have derived in my district from the able services of R. W. Br. Richard Bull, who has lectured before several of the Lodges, with the best success. From the good results I have thus witnessed, I would urge upon Grand Lodge the necessity of appointing some well-informed and talented brother, as a "Masonic Lecturer and Instructor" to visit all Lodges in need of his services, and in no way would our noble cause be more advanced than by some step in this direction.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have only granted two Dispensations during the past year, one to "Irving" Lodge, No. 154, and one to "Lebanon Forest" Lodge, No. 133, both for masonic balls.

NEW LODGES.

On the 5th of March, last, I received a communication from W. Br. A. Worthington, enclosing petition for a Dispensation for a new Lodge at Wroxeter. It will be remembered that I received a petition from this place last year, which I declined to recommend, for the reasons mentioned in my previous report. This time, however, the nearest Lodge "Clinton," No. 84, recommended it, and I, after strict enquiry, finding the cause in the hands of an experienced Past Master, also a proper masonic feeling now existing, recommended the same to the M.W. Grand Master, who has been pleased to grant them a Dispensation. I have notified the Worshipful Master to attend Grand Lodge with his minute book, &c.; and if their proceedings are then found correct, would recommend that they receive their Charter.

In January, last, W. Br. F. C. Draper brought a complaint against "St. James" Lodge, No. 73, for "illegal suspension," for non-payment of dues, being commanded by the M.W. Grand Master to report upon the same; after due investigation, I decided that he had been *illegally suspended*, entirely owing to *an error* on the part of the Lodge. The M. W. Grand Master, upon receiving my report, ordered his restoration, which was immediately complied with, and the Worshipful Brother having paid his dues, received his demit from the Lodge.

In retiring from the honorable position which I have held for the past two years, it has been a source of *much regret* to me, the impossibility of visiting many of the distant Lodges from the nature of my business engagements.

Those brethren with whom I am personally acquainted will endorse my statement, when I say my zeal for the cause of masonry is second to none in the District,—that thus it has not been the want of the will, but of the opportunity only, which has prevented me from carrying out my wishes in the matter. I have carried on a large correspondence, and have afforded every enquiring brother all the information in my power.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN DUTTON,

D. D. G. M.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren,
of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

With much pleasure I submit to Grand Lodge the annual report for the Hamilton District.

During the past year I have visited nearly all the Lodges under my supervision, a few however I have failed to visit in consequence of their great distance and my suffering from personal and family sickness.

In making this report, I congratulate Grand Lodge on the prosperous state of masonry, and on the harmony existing amongst all the Lodges in the district.

A difference in the mode of working still continues, and it would have afforded me pleasure could I have matured a plan whereby uniformity of work in all the Lodges might have been effected; a change so desirable is manifest, and I can now only put in the form of a recommendation what has occurred to me.

I suggest that the Worshipful Masters and Wardens should hold an occasional meeting in the centre of the district, and constitute themselves into a Lodge of Instruction. The Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary who is at all times ready to give all needful information, would I am sure be glad to meet with such a Lodge, and instruct in that work, which it is the desire of the Grand Lodge of Canada should generally prevail.

The occasional visit of a District Deputy Grand Master to a Lodge, cannot be of much benefit in accomplishing an object so desirable, and where so many Lodges are in a district at distances so wide apart, it would almost be an impossibility for him to make such frequent visits as would be necessary; besides which the travelling expenses would be such as to preclude him from doing it even had he the time.

Whilst some of the Lodges anticipate the pecuniary tax of a

visit from the District Deputy Grand Master, and provide for it, others neglect to do so, and I would respectfully recommend that Grand Lodge should take such action as that in all cases the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters be borne by the Lodges he visits.

I am glad to state that the difficulties created amongst the members of "Valley" Lodge No. 100, by the injudicious action of its Secretary, have been satisfactorily arranged, and as the features of this case affect the fraternity generally, it may not be out of place to state them here. At a late parliamentary election the then Secretary voted upon the property belonging to the Lodge, which being merely held in trust, he had no right to avail himself of to further his own views; the action taken by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this case, will it is hoped prevent any further occurrence of such unmasonic conduct.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations for celebrating the Festival of St. John the Evangelist in December last, were granted by me to the following Lodges, viz :

Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27..... Hamilton.

Ivy Lodge, " 115..... Smithville.

and for the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, in June last, to

Barton Lodge, No. 6..... Hamilton.

St. Andrew's Lodge, " 62..... Caledonia.

St. John's Lodge, " 35..... Cayuga.

Valley Lodge, " 100..... Dundas.

NEW WARRANTS.

During the year, two applications for Warrants for the establishment of new Lodges have been received by me, the prayer of both petitions I recommended to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to be granted. One of these was for the establishment of a Lodge at Stoney Creek, to be called the "Wentworth" Lodge, and the other at Wellington Square, to be called the "Burlington" Lodge; the latter the Most Worshipful

the Grand Master granted, the former, in consequence of a Constitutional difficulty, he deemed it right to decline. To the petition therefore I attached the various correspondence; and I would suggest to "Harmony" Lodge, No. 57, to reconsider their action, and afford such members of their Lodge residing at a distance from them, who wish to enjoy the benefits of masonry, those privileges, by the establishment of the new Lodge as proposed by them.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity of returning my thanks to the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the various Lodges, which I have had the pleasure to visit, for their kind and courteous reception of me on each occasion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM BELLHOUSE.

D. D. G. M. Hamilton District.

HAMILTON, 12th July, 1864.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master
and Grand Lodge of Canada.*

In fulfillment of my duty, as required by the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the following report of the Toronto District:

On account of ill health, and from other reasons, which I need not here specify, I have not been able this year to visit the various Lodges in this district so thoroughly as both inclination and duty demanded; in fact the severe illness under which I am at present suffering, tells me plainly that I must, for some time, be an invalid, and not only prevents my attendance at Grand Lodge this session, but also hinders me from entering so fully into this report as I should wish.

Masonry in this district continues in a prosperous state, nor

am I aware of any circumstances connected with the different Lodges calling for special notice.

I issued two Dispensations for celebrating the Festival of St. John the Baptist, one being to the brethren of "St. George's" Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound, for their fifth annual celebration, by an excursion; and the other to "Rising Sun" Lodge, No. 129, Aurora, to celebrate the day by a pic-nic, in conjunction with the following Lodges, viz :

<i>Markham Union,</i>	No. 87.....	Markham.
<i>Richardson,</i>	" 136.....	Cashel.
<i>Corinthian,</i>	" 96.....	Barrie.
<i>Simcoe,</i>	" 79.....	Bradford.
<i>Tuscan,</i>	" 99.....	Newmarket.
<i>Sharon,</i>	" 97.....	Sharon.
<i>Union,</i>	" 118.....	Lloydtown.
<i>Vaughan,</i>	" 54.....	Maple.

At this meeting about two hundred masons walked in procession, and I then installed the Worshipful Masters of four Lodges.

"King" Lodge, No. 70, finding itself in an unsatisfactory position, and with no prospect of recovering itself, has surrendered its Warrant, and it is now in possession of Grand Lodge.

I have now only to express my warmest thanks to the Worshipful Masters, the other officers and brethren of the Lodges in this district, over which I have now had the honor of presiding for the last two years, for the kind and fraternal manner in which they have always assisted and comforted me in the discharge of my duties, and trust that my successor may, through the blessing of the G. A. O. T. U., be enabled to make up for my seeming but unavoidable omissions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. DE GRASSI,

District Deputy Grand Master, Toronto District.

TORONTO, 12th July, 5864.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

REPORT.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Canada.

It affords me the greatest satisfaction to report that the craft in the Prince Edward District may boast of that healthy position so plentifully enjoyed under my worthy predecessors in office.

The district was handed over to me by the right worshipful brethren who preceded me in so well-organized and so efficient a masonic standing, that comparatively little remained for me to do; that little, however, I have endeavored to perform to the best of my ability, by visiting as many Lodges as I possibly could, leaving out but three, two being at too great a distance from my place of residence, the other appointing a day for my visit when my private avocations rendered it impossible for me to attend.

While on this subject, I may as well state that the two Lodges above referred to, namely—the “Renfrew” and “Pembroke” Lodges, ought of right, at any rate for the sake of convenience, to belong to the Central District, while others not now within my jurisdiction, could probably be added to the Prince Edward District. If the notice given at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, for the re-division of Districts, is carried into effect, I shall be happy to render to any committee appointed for that purpose such information as, I trust, will tend to the benefit and advancement of the craft.

During my term of office, I have generally found the Lodges working the established ritual, and wherever they failed therein, I have given such instructions as I hope will remedy any defect. I am happy to add, however, that in all cases I have found the Lodges working harmoniously for the general benefit of the order and the prosperity of the craft at large.

A few charges have been brought under my notice, but luckily of such minor importance as enabled me to arrange them without proceeding to those penal measures allowed by the Constitution.

Two applications for new Lodges have been submitted to me, one from Amherst Island, which I have not transmitted to the Grand Secretary, owing to the fact that it was not accompanied by the requisite fees; the other from the "Star in the East" Lodge, Wellington, who now hold a Dispensation from the M.W. the Grand Master, which I hope will be confirmed by Warrant.

An invitation by "Prince Edward" Lodge, Picton to lay the foundation stone of an addition to the Episcopalian Church, called St. Mary Magdalen, of Picton, was forwarded by me to the M.W. the Grand Master, who honored me by a Dispensation to represent him on that occasion, I most sincerely regret to add that on my arrival at Picton, accompanied by about fifty of the brethren, from various Lodges within the district, I ascertained that it was intended the Lord Bishop of Ontario should actually lay the stone, while a subordinate position was to be assigned to the Masonic Body. Under these circumstances, I considered it my duty to uphold the dignity of the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada by declining to attend the ceremony.

It affords me much pleasure to bear testimony to the valuable assistance rendered me by the District Grand Secretary, W. Br. Sisson, who has held office ever since the district was organized; and I cannot help but say that it is to be regretted that brethren who fill this most laborious office are not admitted to rank in Grand Lodge.

At the close of my year of office, I have only to add my best wishes for the prosperity of the Lodges over which I have had the honor to preside, for the welfare of the fraternity in the province, and the craft at large, over the whole globe.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. H. HENDERSON,

D. D. G. M., P. Edw. District.

BELLEVILLE, 4th July, 1864.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M. W. the Grand Master,
and the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

As required by the Constitution, I beg leave to submit my report for the Central District, over which I have the honor to preside.

I regret that from my professional engagements, and other circumstances, I have not been able to visit the whole of the Lodges within this District, as I fully expected to do on accepting office; in those Lodges I had the pleasure of visiting, I found great satisfaction, and am happy to report that the Lodges generally are prospering, and in good working order, creditable to themselves and the craft in general, some few are still following the "American Work" and though very anxious to adopt the work as approved by the Grand Lodge, from the difficulty of receiving or obtaining instruction, they are as yet unable to do so.

I would here mention that from the extent of country, and number of Lodges comprised within the Central District, it is impossible for one, unless at a loss of time, which any person engaged in business can ill afford, to give that attention to the Lodges which a District Deputy Grand Master should, and by which alone an uniformity of working can be obtained, and I would therefore recommend to Grand Lodge the division of the district.

I received a letter from the R. W. the Grand Secretary, of date 4th September, 1863, forwarding me the papers containing some charges preferred by Br. Robert G. Harvey, against W. Br. William Garvey, Worshipful Master of "St. James" Lodge, No. 74, Maitland, with instructions to inquire into the matter. I issued summonses to the brothers to meet me at their Lodge room, and also forwarded a copy of the complaint to W. Br. Garvey, enclosed to the Past Master. On my arrival at Maitland, I found that owing to the absence from home of the Past Master,

the summons had only been received that evening. I called upon Brothers Harvey and Garvey, and finding that the dispute had occurred during the time of strong political excitement, and that both, on cooler reflection, seemed to regret the unpleasant occurrence, I left them after imparting advice, which I trusted would lead to an amicable arrangement, intending again to summon them if the matter was not satisfactorily adjusted, and which I am pleased to inform the Grand Lodge, was happily effected, and that I received a letter from Brother Harvey, through the Past Master of the Lodge, withdrawing the complaint, and thus all differences were made up.

I also submit a petition from "Friendly Brothers" Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois, praying that Grand Lodge may overlook irregularities, which occurred in the commencement of their Lodge in initiating parties without receiving their fees. I am aware that the present Worshipful Master, and the (at present) more active members of the Lodge, are not to blame, I trust their petition will therefore receive favorable consideration from the Grand Lodge.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, in September last, on my recommendation, on the petition of the Rev. Br. L. Pettit, and others, was pleased to grant them a Dispensation to open a Lodge to be called the "Goodwood" Lodge, at Richmond, in the County of Carleton; which Lodge has been opened, and I take great pleasure in recommending that the Grand Lodge will be pleased to grant a Warrant to it.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, it was recommended that a Warrant of constitution be granted to Brother Hugh Mackay, and others, to hold a Lodge, in the village of Delta, in the County of Leeds. Though Brother Mackay has been notified by Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary, and also at the Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary's request by me, I have received no communication from Brother Mackay on the subject, and am not aware that any steps have been taken by him to carry out the recommendation of the Grand Lodge.

I granted permission to "Mount Zion" Lodge, No. 28,

Kemptville, to walk in procession in regalia to Church, on the 27th December last, St John's Day, it falling on Sunday.

The deaths of the following brethren during the year have been reported to me, viz ;

Br. J. D. L. Wood, "Excelsior" Lodge, No. 142 ; Br. John Soles, "St. Francis'" Lodge, No. 24 ; Br. O. S. Gildersleeve, "St. John's" Lodge No. 3 ; W. Br. William Garvey, Worshipful Master "St. James'" Lodge, No. 74. Br. Garvey was an old and zealous mason, and was, I am informed, very instrumental in getting up his Lodge, his loss is deplored not only by the craft, but by the community generally in which he resided.

In conclusion I beg leave to thank the brethren of those Lodges I have visited, for the kindness shewn to me during my visits.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. G. MACDONELL,

D. D. G. M., Central District.

MORRISBURGH, 9th July, 1864.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M. W. the Grand Master,
of the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

In conformity with the constitutional requirements of this, your Grand Lodge, I beg herewith to submit for the consideration of that body a condensed report, with respect to the craft, as well as of its operations during the past masonic year, within the jurisdiction of the Eastern Townships District. It may not, perhaps, be necessary for me to say, preliminarily, that the number of Lodges, previous to the month of May last, was ten, to wit: "Dorchester," No. 4 ; "Nelson," No. 8 ; "Golden Rule," No. 12 ; "Shefford," No. 53 ; "Victoria," No. 71 ; "Yamaska," No. 130 ; "Clarenceville," No. 152 ; "St. Francis," No. 67 ; "Stanbridge," No. 117, and "Prevost," No. 1.

It was my intention to have visited all these Lodges during the year, but official and private duties have prevented my doing so by reason of which I am not able to make an individual report of each Lodge, as I would have wished. I may here say that the district is a very large one, extending from east to west, about ninety miles, and from south to north, eighty or more miles, with very limited facilities by railway for travelling from one portion to another.

I have visited "Stanbridge" Lodge several times during the year, was present at the installation of its officers, and have to say in its favor that in all matters it is going on prosperously, having an efficient Master and good assistant-officers.

"Yamaska" Lodge, at Granby, I have visited once, and regret to say that, from all the information I could gain, this Lodge, either through a want of capacity in its officers or from some other cause, does not seem to possess sufficient vitality to warrant a long existence; yet if it were put in charge of some competent Master for a period, it might be restored to a respectable position.

I was present at the installation of the officers of "Nelson" Lodge, at Philipsburg, and was much pleased with the apparent evidence of prosperity of that Lodge, since which time I received complaints from different brethren of irregularities, whereupon I called a special meeting of that Lodge on the 2nd instant, which was generally attended; but the Secretary who was present did not produce the minute book, so that it was not possible for me to arrive at any positive conclusion with reference to the charges; some, however, of a gross nature were admitted to be true, and a promise made that no repetition of the offences should occur, upon which I admonished the Lodge, and trust that in the future there will not be cause of complaint.

Of "Prevost" Lodge, I need not speak, as it goes on as usual, steadily gaining in members, and I believe doing no discredit to the craft.

I was informed by some of the brethren of "Clarenceville" Lodge, at Clarenceville, that the meetings of that Lodge were very irregular; but that I should be informed when one would

take place in order that I might visit it ; this however, has never been carried out, so that I can say but little about this Lodge, for good or evil.

I performed the dedication services of a new and beautifully finished and fitted Masonic Hall, at Richmond, belonging to "St. Francis'" Lodge, on the 17th December last, assisted by R.W. Br. Stevenson, D.D.G.M. Montreal District, and cannot express the pleasure I felt at again meeting with the brethren of that Lodge, and viewing the marked progress which it was apparent had been made since its organization. From the well known energy and masonic ability of the officers and members of this Lodge, it must rank among the best of Lodges in the Eastern Townships District.

Those Lodges not specially named, I have not been able to visit, to wit: "Victoria," at Sherbrooke, "Shefford," at Waterloo, "Golden Rule," at Standstead, and "Dorchester," at St. John's, I am informed, that they are all in a very prosperous condition, and are constitutionally governed by competent workmen.

With the exception of one instance, no suspension of members has been made in this district during the year. The case referred to is that of Joseph Rhicard, who was a member of "Stanbridge" Lodge, the action of which Lodge is herewith transmitted, and from my own personal knowledge of the matter, I believe, that in justice to the craft, and to that Lodge in particular, it is a proper case for expulsion from the privileges of Freemasonry.

A Dispensation has been granted for the establishment of a new Lodge at Adamsville, in the township of Farnham, and I have pleasure in saying that the Lodge has been duly organized, and that it is commencing under the most favourable auspices for success.

I have to thank the brethren of the several Lodges which I have visited for their kind and hospitable treatment.

As some discussion has arisen among members of Lodges with respect to jurisdiction of subordinate Lodges, in cases of initiation, it seems to be desirable that some fixed principle should be adopted, or that section of the Constitution under Article 2, page

64, should be expunged. My own impression is, that to decide where the territorial jurisdiction of a Lodge commences or ends is a very difficult question to decide.

I have to add to the matter of irregularities practiced in "Nelson" Lodge, that they are :

First.—The practice of initiating candidates for the sum of fifteen dollars, in American bank notes, or United States Government notes, at par value.

Second.—That a ballot was taken and found clear for a person, there being only four members of the Lodge present ; there were, however, more masons at the meeting.

Third.—The partial convening of Lodges, without the proper summonses being sent to all the members of the Lodge, for the purpose of conferring degrees.

During the year I granted one Dispensation for a masonic ball, held in St. Armand, East.

There have been two brethren buried with masonic rites, to wit :—Br. E. S. Reynolds, of "Shefford" Lodge, and Br. Edward Rhicard, of "Prevost" Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID BROWNE,

D.D.G.M., Eastern Townships District.

18th July, 1864.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

REPORT.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I have the honor, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, to present this my fourth annual report of the state of masonry in this district.

I am happy to say that the state of masonry, generally, in this district, has, progressed favorably within the masonic year now drawing to a close.

Since the presentation of my last report another Lodge has been added to the list of those under my jurisdiction. This new Lodge is denominated the "Quebec Garrison" Lodge, and is chiefly composed of brethren connected with military life. I had much pleasure in recommending and obtaining a Dispensation for the establishment of this new Lodge, in consequence of the large number of military brethren, resident more or less permanently in this city, and the desirability, in order to encourage a healthy stimulus to emulation and good working, that these brethren should have a Lodge of their own, in which they can aspire to elevation and office in the craft, from which they are, by reason of their transitory mode of life, excluded, in the other Lodges. I had therefore much pleasure in performing the interesting ceremony of constitution, consecration and installation, in this new and well-conducted Lodge. Some time subsequent to the performance of this ceremony, I received a communication from the Secretary of the Lodge, informing me that the Worshipful Master named in the Dispensation had been obliged to leave the district, in attendance upon his military duties. I accordingly authorized the Senior Warden, Worshipful Brother Smith, who is an installed Master of a Lodge in this district, working under the English Registry, and who is popular in the Lodge, and in whose zeal, skill and ability I have perfect confidence, to discharge the duties of the chair in the interim, and I have every reason to be pleased with the result, not only from the efficient manner in which the work of the Lodge has been performed, but also in consequence of the peace and harmony which prevail among the brethren, and the rapid growth and prosperity of the Lodge. It is with much pleasure, therefore, that I recommend this new and thriving Lodge to the favorable consideration of Grand Lodge, and pray for it a Warrant of constitution.

The "Civil Service" Lodge continues, I am happy to say, in a highly prosperous and healthy condition, and is steadily adding to its list of members. After I had performed the ceremony of installation in this Lodge, on last St. John's day, the brethren were pleased to elect me an honorary member of the Lodge, an honor of which I justly feel proud, in consequence of the efficiency

with which the affairs of the Lodge are conducted, and the brotherly friendship and harmony which characterize the relations of the brethren composing it.

I have not been able to do myself the pleasure of visiting "Shawenegam" Lodge, at Three Rivers, within the past year, but from the correspondence I have had with the Master during the year, and the information I have obtained from the brethren, whom I have occasionally met in this city, I feel satisfied that the duties of this Lodge are discharged with assiduity and care, and that peace and contentment prevail among the brethren.

I am not, however, I grieve to say, able to speak of similar peace and harmony as prevailing among the brethren of "Harington" Lodge. Brother Romerill of this Lodge, having complained that W. Br. Sweetman, Past Master of the Lodge, had been guilty of an act of unmasonic conduct towards him, in having borrowed a considerable sum of money from him, alledging himself to be in extreme want of it, on the sacred promise of a brother to return it, and that he had not fulfilled this promise, but on the contrary, informed him that he had failed; and that he could prefer his claim with the other creditors, and get paid at the same reduced rate as they. It appears that the W. M., Br. Walker, obtained Br. Romerill's consent to allow him and the two Wardens of the Lodge to act for him, and endeavor to make a satisfactory arrangement with Br. Sweetman for settlement of his claim. A length of time having elapsed, and Br. Romerill not hearing of any satisfactory arrangement having been made on his behalf, preferred a charge for unmasonic conduct against W. Br. Sweetman, before the Lodge, which the Lodge refused to entertain, on the ground, as expressed in the resolution, that Brother Romerill had left the settlement of his claim to the Worshipful Master, and the two Wardens, and that the Worshipful Master had laid before the Lodge a memorandum, in writing, which Brother Sweetman bound himself to pay Br. Romerill the amount of his claim at certain periods not then elapsed. Upon this Br. Romerill wrote to the Lodge, asking to be furnished with a copy of the memorandum in question, or supplied with the information as to when the periods mentioned in the memorandum would elapse. Receiving

no answer, he wrote a second letter, repeating the request, to which he received no answer. Upon this he addressed a written complaint to me requesting my interference to obtain for him the information he desired.

I accordingly wrote to the Secretary of the Lodge, to ascertain if Br. Romerill's two letters had been received, and if so, why they had not been answered, to which he replied, stating that they had been received, and that the reason why no answer was returned was, that the Lodge had ruled them out of order. I wrote again, reminding the Lodge that the rules of ordinary courtesy, much more those of masonic feeling, suggested the propriety of vouchsafing an answer to Br. Romerill's letters, even though such answer should be unfavorable to his wishes, and at the same time requested that Br. Romerill should be furnished with a copy of the memorandum in question. I am sorry to say that all my efforts to obtain this act of common justice, and of masonic right for Br. Romerill have hitherto proved unavailing.

After a correspondence, rendered tedious and wanting in courtesy to me, by the delays which W. Br. Walker interposed, on the alleged ground that he wished to submit his answers to the Lodge before forwarding them to me, and after an interval of nearly four months from the date of my first letter to the Lodge on the subject, W. Br. Walker informed me of the fact, which he knew and could have stated in answer to my first letter on the subject, addressed to the Lodge four months previously, that the memorandum in question was not in possession of the Lodge, without assigning any reason why, or the person by whom he had allowed it to be removed from the Lodge, without even having had a copy of it recorded on the minutes of the Lodge, which was necessary, seeing that it had formed the basis of a resolution of the Lodge dismissing a charge for unmasonic conduct preferred by one brother against another, and whereby the complaining brother was shut out from any right of appeal he might be desirous of instituting from the decision of the Lodge, in consequence of not being able to show the necessary voucher on which to found his appeal, and this information I further regret to add, he conveyed to me in a letter remarkable for its

want of courtesy, not to say insult, to me, for he enclosed a letter in it which he requested me to forward to the M.W. Grand Master, asking him to investigate the case, thus ignoring my right or power to investigate the matter, and offering disrespect to the office I hold. About this time I learnt that it was W. Br. Walker himself who had removed the voucher from the Lodge, in order to make it available against a similar charge for unmasonic conduct preferred by Br. Romerill, against W. Br. Sweetman, in the "Stadacona" Chapter. In addition to this, I learnt that W. Br. Walker had appointed W. Br. Sweetman to honorary office in the Lodge, that of Assistant Secretary, whereby he was relieved from the payment of Lodge dues, by which means Br. Romerill, who is a brother in good standing, and able and willing to pay his dues, was virtually excluded from the Lodge, as he was not desirous of sitting with W. Br. Sweetman, until he should have had his grievances at least in some measure redressed. Considering this conduct to be at the least strange on the part of W. Br. Walker, who had undertaken as I was informed, to act for Br. Romerill's benefit, and endeavor to obtain for him a settlement of his claim against W. Br. Sweetman; and the subject at this time having created a great deal of scandal out of the Lodge, and discontent within, I felt it would be necessary to take stringent measures with W. Br. Walker, and at the same time make a special report of Br. Romerill's case, as against W. Br. Sweetman to Grand Lodge, in order that justice might be done in the premises.

I accordingly summoned W. Br. Walker, to appear before me, and produce his books, papers, vouchers, &c., and after remonstrating with him upon the irregularity of his proceeding in allowing an important voucher to leave his Lodge, without keeping a minute of it upon his books, and receiving from him an assurance, that he had acted with the best, and most disinterested motives in all he had done in the matter, and that, he had no intention at any time in offering any disrespect to me or the office I hold, I resolved upon accepting his apology, and proceed to no further or severer measures with him, hoping that regard for the principles of the order, and consideration for the position he holds in the craft, will stimulate him to a diligent, and zealous discharge of

his duties, and inspire him with a feeling of due respect for authority, and official position in the craft.

With respect to the case of Br. Romerill, which is an exceedingly hard one, having ascertained, that it will be utterly out of the power of Grand Lodge to secure for him that pecuniary redress of which he stands most in need, I have considered it advisable not to occupy the attention of Grand Lodge with a special report of the case, although in my opinion, the conduct of W. Br. Sweetman, eminently deserves the adoption of such a course. I retain the hope, that eventually, better councils will prevail, and that the brethren will not fail to perceive the better advantage to be gained for the craft in general, in their own Lodge in particular, more especially in the esteem and respect of the sister Lodges in the city, by keeping among them, at least in honorary office, a brother whose conduct has created discontent in the Lodge, and great scandal without, to the exclusion of at least one brother, if not more, who is able and willing to pay his dues, but feels himself unable to sit in the Lodge, with one he has just reason to complain so bitterly of; and that finally brotherly love will prevail, and peace and contentment be re-established in the Lodge, and prosperity and happiness as of old, follow in their wake.

DISPENSATIONS.

I granted dispensations on two several occasions during the past year, to enable the brethren of the several Lodges in this city, to perform the last solemn right of brotherly love and friendship, to departed and regretted brethren, in masonic regalia.

I also granted a dispensation, to enable the brethren to celebrate the annual festival of St. John's day, in regalia, and I am happy to add, that their festive union was happy and joyous, and tempered by the virtues of the order.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

About a month ago, I received a letter from "Shawenegam" Lodge, in Three Rivers, recommending the bearer thereof to the consideration of the Lodges here, as being a brother from the

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Southern States, in distress, and requiring the means of enabling him to return home. I made enquires and found him to be an impostor. I accordingly published him in a newspaper, in order to prevent him from imposing on the fraternity here, and elsewhere, and more particularly from imposing on a number of southern gentlemen, many of whom are brethren, now resident in this city, and respecting whose places of residence he had made inquiries. I am happy to say that the notice in question had the effect of making him beat a hasty retreat from this city, and I have not heard of his having succeeded in any attempts at imposition.

REMARKS.

Fearing that I would not have sufficient time to discharge the duties of the office I now hold, I intimated my desire to the Lodges, that they would be pleased to nominate some other brother in my stead, for the ensuing year, but before I had time to notify all the Lodges, the "Quebec Garrison" Lodge, and the "Harrington" Lodge, passed resolutions, appointing a committee from each to wait upon me, urgently requesting me to reconsider my decision, and allow myself to be renominated to the office. I have accordingly consented, although I could have wished that one more able and experienced in masonic matters than myself had been nominated in my stead.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

R. POPE.

D. D. G. M., Quebec District.

QUEBEC, 1st July, 1864.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

Public business, of great importance, connected with the late fatal railway catastrophe, has so completely engrossed my

attention during the past ten days, that I find it utterly impossible to prepare a lengthy report, and shall, therefore, in the briefest terms, present a statement of the condition of Freemasonry in the District of Montreal.

The number of Lodges remain the same as at the date of my last report. I have visited them all during the year, some of them many times, and I have much pleasure in stating that their progress, whether as regards increase in numbers, influence or efficiency, is quite satisfactory.

On the 3rd September last, I had the pleasure of restoring to his former masonic privileges, the Past Master of "Lodge of Antiquity," whose suspension was confirmed at last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, until he should have made an apology satisfactory to the M. W. the Grand Master. The requirements of the Grand Master were fully complied with previous to the restoration.

In January last, I issued a Dispensation to the Brethren of "Hoyle" Lodge, LaColle, on the occasion of the opening of their new hall, on the 26th of that month. M. W. Br. Bernard, R. W. Br. Rev. W. Scott, R. W. Br. J. H. Graham, and others, were present on that occasion, and delivered eloquent addresses. I had also the honor of presiding at that celebration.

I am not aware of more than one death amongst the brethren of this district during the year, viz : Br. Leon Spenard, of "Lodge of Antiquity," who died June, 26, 1864.

Only one complaint has been made to me during the year, and as the case is one which requires the attention of Grand Lodge, I append the documents connected with it.

The brethren in Montreal, continue to remain on terms of the most intimate fraternal intercourse with the brethren working under other jurisdictions, and recognised by our Grand Lodge.

Apologizing for the meagreness of this report,

I am, yours fraternally,

A. A. STEVENSON,

D.D.G.M., Montreal District.

MONTREAL, July 11, 1864.

The reports from the various Masonic Districts were received and referred to the Board of General Purposes, for consideration.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, as President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes has the honor to report, that at its meeting, on the 24th, 25th and 26th February last, the question of making arrangements for the management and investment of the Asylum Fund and Fund of Benevolence was considered. As several applications had been made for loans from members of the craft, and even from members of this Board, the President pointed out the necessity of at once drawing up rules for the guidance of the Board in making investments, and particularly with respect to granting loans to members of the craft, when the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

“That whereas, it is necessary that there should be a sub-committee of this Board, to whom applications for loans should be made, and by whom investments of the Benevolent Fund should be settled and arranged. Be it resolved—

“That the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge be such sub-Committee, application to be made to the Chairman, Brother the Hon. Robert Spence, and that in exercising their power as such Committee, the following be standing instructions :

“1st.—That either county, town or city property may be taken in security, or municipal debentures purchased.

“2nd.—That the minimum rate of interest be eight per cent.

“That not more than one-third of the appraised value be advanced as a loan on any property offered as a security.

“4th.—That in all cases where buildings are taken in security, an insurance clause be specially inserted in the mortgage.

“5th.—That all conveyances of mortgage be drawn in the names of Thomas Douglas Harington and William Benjamin Simpson, Esquires, as Trustees for the Grand Lodge of Canada.

“6th.—That the application for a loan from this fund, made by a brother mason should not be entertained.”

The books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were, on the 24th and 25th of February, audited to the end of the fiscal year, viz: 31st December; and the Board is satisfied of their correctness. A full financial report has been sent to all the Lodges, and by this report it will be seen that the receipts for past year amounted to \$5,068.68, being an increase over those of the previous year of \$186.91; that the receipts were derived as follows: from Certificates, \$1,266; Dues, \$2,787; Fees, \$816.50; Dispensations, \$148; Warrants, \$20; Constitutions, \$31.08; and that the expenditure was \$3,985.61, showing a balance of receipts over expenditure for the year of \$1,085.07. That the total assets of the Grand Lodge, on the 31st December, were:

In cash.....	\$11,100.10
Middlesex Debentures.....	1,600.00
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	\$12,700.10

which is made up as follows:

Asylum Fund.....	\$1,539.84
Benevolent Fund.....	6,000.00
General Fund.....	5,160.30
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	\$12,700.10

to which may be added the interest which may have accrued since the accounts were made up. Of the expenditure there appears a payment of \$200 to the Grand Secretary, for the year 1863. The President of the Board was at first doubtful of the propriety of the claim of the Grand Secretary to this sum, but afterwards was of opinion that while the resolution would seem to apply solely to the future, it was the intention of Grand Lodge to pay the same sum for the year last past, and therefore he issued his cheque, a course approved and confirmed by this Board.

The Board would again refer to the subject of Lodges in arrears for fees and dues, to which it adverted at some length in its report for last year; it was then stated that, at the commencement of the fiscal year, 1st January, 1863, no less than eighty-five Lodges had made neither returns nor payments to the Grand

Secretary's office since 24th June, 1862, and notwithstanding that the Board had, at its meeting in February, 1862, requested the District Deputy Grand Master for the Districts in which Lodges in arrears for eighteen months, were situated, to investigate the condition of such Lodges, and also that the Grand Secretary had notified all such Lodges that the law, as provided in the Constitution, would be put in force against them, the Board have again to report that at the commencement of the year 1864.

2 Lodges were in arrears since Dec. 27 1860, and have made no returns since.

1	"	"	June, 24, 1861,	"	"	"
3	"	"	Dec. 27, 1861,	"	"	"
18	"	"	June, 24, 1862,	"	"	"
18	"	"	Dec. 27, 1862,	"	"	"
72	"	"	June, 24, 1863,	"	"	"

Making at that time 114 Lodges in arrears since June 24, 1863.

This state of things, which cannot in justice either, to those Lodges in arrears themselves, or to those that regularly pay up their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge, be allowed to continue; the Board therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to summon every Lodge in arrears for twelve months previous to 27th December, 1863, to shew cause why its Warrant should not be resumed by Grand Lodge, and its name and number erased from the roll of Lodges. The Board is convinced that this measure is absolutely necessary to produce a healthy state in the craft, and that a less stringent proceeding will in many cases produce no effect whatever.

In the last year's report of the Board, it was recommended that Grand Lodge should set apart a certain amount as the foundation of a benevolent fund, and that a percentage of all the fees and dues accrued to Grand Lodge, should be added to it year by year, that fund being found, the Board now recommend that ten per cent. of all the regular fees and dues received from the Lodge, should henceforth be set apart towards increasing that fund, and judging from last year's revenue, this percentage will yield from \$350 to \$400.

Heretofore the funds have been placed in the hands of the Treasurer, without Grand Lodge having laid down any special rule for his guidance as to their safe keeping, thereby imposing

on him a very great responsibility, and rendering it necessary to exact heavy bonds from him, this, the Board considers to be neither just to the Grand Treasurer nor desirable for the interests of Grand Lodge, and recommend that some chartered bank shall be chosen, into which all the funds of Grand Lodge passing into the Grand Treasurer's hands, shall be by him deposited to the credit of Grand Lodge, and that no money be withdrawn from such bank except by the check of the President of the Board of General Purposes, countersigned by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, and thus reduce the responsibility of an honorary officer, and, at the same time give ample security for the funds of Grand Lodge.

27th February, 1864.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.W. Br. William Bellhouse, and

Resolved—That the foregoing report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted.

R.W. Br. Henry Groff, Grand Treasurer, submitted and read the following

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master,
and the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

I, the undersigned Henry Groff, your Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report on the Finances of your Most Worshipful Body, as follows.

GENERAL FUND.

That the amount on hand at the last Annual Communication was \$8,074.41, which was represented by—

Gore Bank Deposit Receipts.....	\$7,800 00
Cash	274 41
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	\$8,074 41

That for the six months ending 31st December last, there was paid into my hands, (including \$416 transferred to this fund from the "Wilson Testimonial Fund" account,) as per detailed statement published, the sum of \$3,205.38 and the payments during the same period amounted to \$2,412.28, leaving on hand at that date, \$8,867.51, which was represented by—

Gore Bank Deposit Receipts.....	\$8,400 00
Cash	467 51
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	8,867 51

That in accordance with the resolution adopted by Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, \$4,400 of the Bank receipts of this fund, (and the Middlesex debentures \$1,600, in all \$6,000,) has been transferred to a separate account, which I term the "Benevolent Fund Investment Account."

That I have opened another account which I term the "General Fund Investments Account," to which I transferred the remaining \$4,000 of the Bank receipts on hand, on 31st December, and a further sum of \$1,400 invested in the same way since that date.

That for the six months ending this day, there has been paid into my hands, according to detailed statement furnished, (including \$647.27, interest, on Bank deposits, and also including \$100, transferred to Benevolent Fund Account, the sum of \$3,374.69, and the payments, (including \$48 transferred to "Benevolent Fund Account" amount to \$1,789.43 leaving on hand the sum of \$652.77, to which may be added interest not yet collected, accrued on Bank deposit receipts, now held, \$59.85.

That there is at credit of the "General Fund Investments Account," \$5,400, represented by Gore Bank, Simcoe, deposit receipts, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

That I have received for this account \$221.15, being for interest on investments during the year, and paid during the same period \$190, leaving at credit of this fund \$31.15, to which add \$50.85 for interest not yet collected, accrued on Bank receipts now held.

That there is at credit of the "Benevolent Fund Investments Account" \$6,000, which is represented by

Middlesex Debentures	\$1,600
Gore Bank, Simcoe, Deposit Receipts.....	4,400
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	\$6,000

ASYLUM FUND.

This fund accumulated in my hands to \$1,539.84 to 10th August, 1863, when I transferred it to the Trustees of the fund at Toronto.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

HENRY GROFF,
Grand Treasurer.

SIMCOE, 30th June, 1864.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was on motion received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

R.W. Br. John Hamilton Graham presented his credentials from the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, appointing him its Representative at the Grand Lodge of Canada, which the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to receive and approve. The R.W. Brother was introduced to the M.W. Grand Master, and was greeted by the usual masonic honors and invited to a seat on the dais.

The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of Grand Lodge, conferred on the R. W. Br. Graham the honorary rank of a Past Grand Junior Warden.

A letter was read from W. Br. F. Keller, appealing against his suspension by "Composite" Lodge, No. 30, Whitby, which was, on motion, referred to the Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R.W. Br. David Browne, seconded by R.W. Br. William Bellhouse, and

Resolved—That the consideration of the amendments to the Constitution, as reported by the Board of General Purposes, with the view to its permanent adoption, be the first business in order for to-morrow morning's session.

The following notices of motion were given for to-morrow :

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at

Kingston,	by	R.W. Br. S. D. Fowler.
Brockville,	“ “ “	David Wylie.
Prescott,	“ “ “	James Reynolds.
Montreal,	“ “ “	Geo. T. Morehouse.
Toronto,	“ “ “	John Kerr.
Belleville,	“ “ “	L. H. Henderson.
Goderich,	“ “ “	R. H. Read.
Ottawa,	“ “ “	J. P. Featherston.

R.W. Br. R. Pope gave the following notice of motion for to-morrow :

That for the future the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held two years in succession in Canada West, and one year in Canada East ; and that the Annual Communication for 1866 be held at Quebec.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5 o'clock, to meet at 7.30, P.M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8 o'clock, P.M.

The M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

It was moved by R.W. Br. George Masson, seconded by R.W. Br. R. Pope, and

Resolved—That the Worshipful Master in attendance as the representative of “ Great Western ” Lodge, No. 47, Windsor, be permitted to take his seat in Grand Lodge.

The following report from the Board of General Purposes on Warrants, was read :

R E P O R T .

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report on the Petition for a Warrant for "Alexandra" Lodge, now under Dispensation, that they have examined the Minute Book of said Lodge, and find that the records of the Lodge have been kept in a very satisfactory manner. The Worshipful Master has also appeared before your Board and proved himself well skilled in the Royal Art. Your Board would therefore recommend that a Warrant be granted.

On the petition for a Warrant for "Goodwood" Lodge, under Dispensation, your Board beg leave to report that no representative of the Lodge has appeared before them, nor has the minute book been produced, but the R.W. District Deputy Grand Master of the Central District has declared that the Lodge has been well worked, and is now in a flourishing condition. Your Board would recommend that a Warrant be granted.

Your Board would recommend that Warrants be granted to the "Quebec Garrison" Lodge, under Dispensation, and also to "Percy" Lodge, under Dispensation.

W. B. SIMPSON.

P. B. G. P.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.W. Br. George Masson, and

Resolved—That the report of the Board of General Purposes on Warrants, be received and adopted.

Petitions for relief were read from the following applicants, viz :

Brother L. Pullock, Montreal ; the widow and family of the late Rev. Dr. Falloon, Richmond ; Brother Wells, "Harington" Lodge, No. 49, Quebec ; the widow and family of the late Br. G. W. Powell, Simcoe ; the widow

of the late Br. Pardy, of Brockville, and the widow of the late Br. McConiff, Widder.

Moved by V.W. Br. Dettmers, seconded by M.W. Br. Wilson, and adopted,

That the various petitions for relief be referred to the Board of Benevolence.

W. Br. Joseph Figg, gives notice that on to-morrow he will move—That District Grand Lecturers be appointed to instruct one or more districts throughout the Province, so as to secure uniformity in masonic working.

A communication was read from the “Amity” Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville, having reference to a fire which had destroyed all the Lodge furniture, jewels, &c., amounting to about five hundred dollars, and soliciting Grand Lodge to assist in re-furnishing their new Lodge room.

Communications were likewise read from the “Yamaska” Lodge, No. 130, Granby, and “St. Thomas” Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas, seeking to have their indebtedness to Grand Lodge reduced; and also from the “Golden Rule” Lodge, No. 12, Stanstead, asking for an extension of time.

The several communications were, on motion, referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet on to-morrow, Thursday, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

THURSDAY, 14th July, 1864.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 10.45 o'clock, A. M.

M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following report on Constitution and Regulations.

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the respectful memorial from the Committee of General Purposes, of "Friendly Brothers" Lodge, No. 143, relative to a breach of the Constitution, which is stated as follows: "That under the control or government of the Lodge by our first Worshipful Master Addison Worthington, several members were allowed to take the different degrees by paying part of their initiation fees, and a note for the balance, and more by paying part and promising to pay the balance," and praying that the Lodge might be leniently dealt with.

It appears from the statement of W. Br. Worthington, who appeared before your Board, that at that time neither himself nor the Lodge were in possession of a copy of the Constitution, and that they were ignorant at the time of committing any wrong.

Your Board fully recognise the grave irregularity which has been committed, but inasmuch as the Lodge acknowledges its fault, and promises a rigid adherence to the requirements of the Constitution in future, and is otherwise in good standing, your Board would recommend the prayer of the petition be granted, and no further proceedings be taken.

W. B. SIMPSON.

P. B. G. P.

July 14th, 1864.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.W. Br. George Masson, and

Resolved—That the foregoing report be received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following report on Warrants:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to recommend that

Warrants be granted to the following Lodges now under Dispensation.

“Forest” Lodge, Wroxeter, Huron District; “Browne” Lodge, Adamsville, Eastern Townships District; “Star in the East” Lodge, Wellington, Prince Edward District; “Burlington” Lodge, Wellington Square, Hamilton District.

Your Board would also recommend that a Warrant be granted to Bros. W. Mackay, J. S. Declos, and others, to hold a Lodge in the village of Stoney Creek, and to be called “Wentworth” Lodge.

W. B. SIMPSON.

P. B. G. P.

July 14th, 1864.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.W. Br. George Masson, and

Resolved—That the report of the Board of General Purposes on Warrants be received and adopted.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, as submitted at the last Annual Communication.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.W. Br. Robert Spence,

That this Grand Lodge do now take into consideration the amendments of the Constitution, from page 5, Board of General Purposes.

In amendment,

It was moved by R.W. Br. David Browne, seconded by R.W. Br. William Fitch,

That the words “Board of General Purposes,” and the twenty-five clauses immediately following in the revised Book of Constitution, be expunged, and the following added in lieu thereof: That before the close of Grand Lodge, at each Annual Communication, the M.W. Grand Master shall appoint the following standing Committees for the year, to whom shall be referred all such matters as appertain to them, respectively :—

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| 1.—On <i>Credentials</i> . | 5.—On <i>Grievances and Appeals</i> . |
| 2.—On <i>Correspondence</i> . | 6.—On <i>Finance and Audit</i> . |
| 3.—On <i>Condition of Masonry</i> . | 7.—On <i>Charity and Benevolence</i> . |
| 4.—On <i>Warrants</i> . | |

It was further moved in amendment by V. W. Br. W. F. Biggar, seconded by W. Br. Isaac P. Willson,

That the Grand Lodge proceed to the consideration of the amendments to the Constitution, taking as a basis the report of the Special Committee to whom was referred, at the last Communication, the consideration of the duties and powers of the Board of General Purposes.

A vote of Grand Lodge was severally taken on the amendments, which were declared negatived.

A vote of Grand Lodge was taken on the original resolution, which was declared in the affirmative.

Consideration of the Constitution progressing.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The M. W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following report on

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the consideration of matters contained in the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters for the various masonic districts, beg leave to submit the following report upon the Condition of Masonry.

That while each of the District Deputy Grand Masters congratulates Grand Lodge on masonry continuing in a prosperous state in his district, they regret that on going carefully over their reports, no manifest progress has been made in securing uniformity of work, year after year they find the same Lodges in each district continuing to work in a manner not recognized by Grand Lodge. The greater number of the District Deputy

Grand Masters appear to have paid great attention to the laborious duties of their important offices, but there is scarcely one of them that does not regret his inability to give sufficient instruction, during his term of office, to secure uniformity of work, because he could not possibly afford sufficient time throughly to instruct any Lodge, that had been accustomed to the use of other work than that recognised by the Grand Lodge of Canada. There is hardly a district in which there are not some Lodges working an unrecognized system, and there are some, whether from ignorance, or a desire to save the trouble of properly acquiring the work recognised by Grand Lodge, are in the habit of using any ritual that they may acquire, in any manner, without knowing whether they are correct or not, nothing is more to be deprecated than the continuance of this evil, and the board see no remedy for it unless some further means are provided for the instruction of Lodges in remote places.

One District Deputy Grand Master recommends a division of Districts, another the employment of a Grand Lecturer and another central meetings of instruction. The evil is universally acknowledged but the remedy is not so clear, where several Lodges are situated in one neighbourhood, it would not be difficult to have central meetings, but it unfortunately happens that the Lodges in bad working order, are those farthest away from sister Lodges, and where it would be impossible to secure the attendance of members from different sections. Those remote Lodges are also the ones most neglected by the District Deputy Grand Masters, as they are frequently unable to visit them, and this continues year after year. The Board would recommend that the District Deputy Grand Masters should make every effort to visit, to inspect, and to instruct the remote Lodges in the Districts, even to the comparative neglect of those nearer home.

The Board rejoices to learn that great care is being exercised in recommending the granting of Dispensations for new Lodges. Where Lodges are situated too near each other it usually happens that there is a falling off in both. It requires a large number of inhabitants in rural parts to secure even an average attendance; and the anxiety to have a flourishing Lodge is apt to occasion a

careless enquiry into the character of applicants, and by not properly guarding the ballot, improper persons may be admitted. District Deputy Grand Masters should also be very careful to see that in every application for a Dispensation, the brother recommended for Master, should be thoroughly skilled in the recognised work, and so report to the Grand Master. If the first Master instruct his Lodge properly, there is little fear of spurious work being afterwards introduced, as there will always be found new members anxious to be thoroughly instructed, and who will naturally receive such instruction from the Master. District Deputy Grand Masters should also impress on the Lodges in their districts, the necessity of every newly elected Master being well skilled previous to his installation.

There have been no reports referred to the Board from the Wilson and Ontario Districts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. SIMPSON.

P. B. G. P.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.W. Br. Samuel D. Fowler, and

Resolved—That the foregoing report on Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

Consideration of the amendments to the Constitution resumed and progress made.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 7.30 o'clock, P.M.

The M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne,

Officers, Members and Representatives.

The M.W. Grand Master gave an explanation to Grand Lodge in the matter of V.W. Br. S. B. Campbell's case,

which had been, by resolution, referred to him at the last Annual Communication for final adjustment.

(SEE APPENDIX.)

The Grand Lodge proceeded with the consideration of the Constitution, which was finally agreed to, as follows :

We, the GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA, in order to form perfect fraternal union, to establish order, to ensure tranquility, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the craft, and to secure to the fraternity of Canada all the blessings of Masonic privileges, do order and establish this Constitution.

OF THE GRAND LODGE.

1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be “The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.”

2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed, as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed.

3. The Grand Master, or presiding officer, at the Annual Communication, shall appoint three Scrutineers, whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for Grand Officers, and lists of members for the Board of General Purposes from the brethren to whom they have been delivered. The Scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot, having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates, they shall present their reports to Grand Lodge.

4. The election and appointment of all officers of Grand Lodge shall take place at the Annual Communication, when those present shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form.

5. The following officers shall be elected, viz :

By ballot of the Grand Lodge—

The Most Worshipful the	Grand Master.
“ Right “	Deputy Grand Master.
“ “ “	Grand Senior Warden.
“ “ “	Junior Warden.
“ “ “	Chaplain.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Treasurer.
“ “ “ “ Registrar.
“ “ “ “ Secretary.

By an open vote of the Grand Lodge—

The Grand Tyler.

By the representatives of the Lodges of the respective districts present at the Annual Communication, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Master—

The Right Worshipful the District Deputy Grand Masters.

6. The following officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, viz :

The Very Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon.
“ “ “ “ Junior Deacon.
“ “ “ “ Superintendent of Works.
“ “ “ “ Director of Ceremonies.
“ “ “ Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
“ “ “ “ Secretary.
“ “ “ “ Sword Bearer.
“ “ “ “ Organist.
“ “ “ Assistant Grand Organist.
“ “ “ “ Pursuivant.
“ “ “ Twelve Grand Stewards.

7. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the elective and appointed officers (excepting the Grand Tyler) mentioned in the two preceding articles, with all Past Grand Officers, continuing to subscribe to a Lodge; the Masters and Wardens of all private Lodges (duly returned,) and all Past Masters (duly returned) being members of a private Lodge; provided that no brother shall rank as a Past Grand Officer, unless at the time of holding office in Grand Lodge, he is either a Master or Past Master of some Lodge.

8. Should neither the Worshipful Master, Wardens, nor a Past Master of a Lodge attend any communication of Grand Lodge, such Lodge, by its vote properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and under seal, may delegate a Master or Past Master of another Lodge, entitled to a seat in Grand Lodge, to represent their Lodge; but no brother can represent more than three Lodges.

9. The rank of officers and members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows :

The Grand Master.

Past Grand Masters, according to seniority.

The Deputy Grand Master.

Past Deputy Grand Masters.

District	Deputy	Grand	Master,	London	District.
"	"	"	"	Wilson	"
"	"	"	"	Huron	"
"	"	"	"	Hamilton	"
"	"	"	"	Toronto	"
"	"	"	"	Ontario	"
"	"	"	"	Prince Edward	"
"	"	"	"	Central	"
"	"	"	"	Montreal	"
"	"	"	"	Eastern Townships	"
"	"	"	"	Quebec	"

Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

Grand Senior Warden.

Past " " "

Grand Junior Warden.

Past " " "

Grand Chaplain.

Past " "

Grand Treasurer.

Past " "

Grand Registrar.

Past " "

Grand Secretary.

Past " "

Grand Senior Deacon.

Past " " "

Grand Junior Deacon.

Past " " "

Grand Superintendent of Works.

Past " " "

Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Past " " "

Assistant Grand Secretary.

Past " " "

Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Past " " " "

Grand Sword Bearer.

Past " " "

Grand Organist.

Past " "

Assistant Grand Organist.

Past " " "

Grand Pursuivant.

Past “ “

Grand Stewards.

Past “ “

The Masters, Past Masters, and Senior and Junior Wardens of private Lodges, in the order of the numbers of their respective Lodge warrants.

10. The Elective Officers, except the Tyler, are to be chosen by ballot, and shall require a majority of all the votes present.

11. No brother shall be eligible to any elective office in the Grand Lodge, unless he has been regularly installed Worshipful Master of a private Lodge.

12. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place, *pro tempore*.

13. Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Craft, may, by a vote of the Grand Lodge, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper, except that of Past Grand Master, or Past Deputy Grand Master.

14. No member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing, nor wearing any jewel not recognized by the Grand Lodge.

15. Should any Lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge for more than one year, the Master, Wardens, or other representative of such Lodge, shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of the Grand Lodge, until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

16. No brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master, or Warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the Grand Secretary's office.

17. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be holden on the second Wednesday in July, at which the place of holding the next Communication shall be decided. None but members shall be present at these Communications, without permission of the Grand Master. No visitor shall speak to any question unless requested to do so by the Grand Master, nor shall he on any occasion, be permitted to vote.

18. The Grand Master, or in his absence from the Province,

the Deputy Grand Master, or in his like absence, the Grand Wardens, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of emergency, whenever the good of the craft shall, in their opinion, require it ; the particular reason for convening such Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

19. If at any Grand Lodge, stated or occasional, the Grand Master be absent, the Lodge shall be ruled by the Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present ; and, if no elective Grand Officer be present, by the Master of the senior Lodge.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be opened in *ample form* when the Grand Master is present ; in *due form* when a Past Grand Master or the Deputy presides ; at all other times only *in form*, yet with the same authority.

20. The powers of any *pro tempore* presiding officer shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him.

21. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting laws and regulations, for the government of the craft, and of altering, repealing and abrogating them, always taking care that the ancient landmarks of the order are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding, all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual brothers, which it may exercise either of itself, or by such delegated authority, as, in its wisdom or discretion, it may appoint ; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling brethren from the craft.

22. No Lodge shall be erased, nor any brother expelled, until the Master or officers of the Lodge, or the offending brother shall have been summoned to show cause, in the Grand Lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced : such summons being addressed and either delivered personally, or sent by post to the last known place of residence of such brother, being deemed sufficient service.

23. All differences or complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be delivered in writing to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay them before the Grand Master, Board of General Purposes, or Committee appointed by Grand Lodge. When all the parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case shall have been investigated, such order and adjudication may be made as shall be authorized by the laws and regulations of Masonry.

24. When any memorial, or other document, shall be presented by any member of the Grand Lodge, either on behalf of himself

or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

25. No brother below the rank of a Past Grand Master shall assume the Grand Master's chair, though he be entitled, in the absence of the Grand Master, to rule the Grand Lodge.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND LODGE DURING
THE TIME OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

1. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge being opened, the regulations are to be read. The minutes of the last Regular Communication, and of any intervening Grand Lodge, are then to be put for confirmation, and all communications from the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters, Board of General Purposes or Committees, are then to be read and taken into consideration, and the other business regularly proceeded with.

2. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each Lodge having three votes, each Past Master one vote, each officer of Grand Lodge, except the Grand Tyler, not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote by virtue of his office, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of equality; unless the Lodge, for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master. Where any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, which uplifted hands the Grand Wardens or Grand Deacons are to count, unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary; but any brother may demand a ballot on any question, either before or immediately after an open vote shall have been taken.

3. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies and his Assistant, and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place, in the discharge of their duties.

4. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

5. Every one who speaks shall rise, and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order; but after he has been set right, he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

6. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master may peremptorily command him to leave the Lodge for that Communication.

7. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall be solemnly excluded the Communication, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until at another time he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

8. No motion on any new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon after eleven o'clock at night.

9. No money grants shall be made by Grand Lodge on the last day of the Communication, unless notice shall have been given the day previous.

10. No notice shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule or regulation thereto, without notice in writing, stating the amendment proposed, having been given at the Communication previous to that at which it is to be brought before Grand Lodge, and no alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be made binding unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present.

OF GRAND MASTER.

1. The Grand Master shall, according to ancient usage, be elected and installed at the Annual Communication. He is then to nominate such of his Grand Officers as it is his prerogative to appoint, who with the elective Grand Officers, are, if present, to be thereupon installed or invested in ancient form.

2. In the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master; and should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof, by sickness, permanent absence from the Province, or otherwise, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith assume the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election; and should the Deputy Grand Master die previous to such election, the Grand Wardens shall immediately summon a Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master.

3. The Grand Master, under sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent

the Grand Lodge in a sister Grand Lodge. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother, who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge of Canada, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem to be appropriate.

4. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and to order any of his Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right and the Master of the Lodge on his left hand. His Wardens are, also, to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be not present, than the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

5. The Grand Master may send his Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

6. The Grand Master may summon any Lodge or brother to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons: if such last summons be not attended to, such Lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the Grand Lodge.

7. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Masters, or Board of General Purposes.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. This officer is to be elected at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; and in order that both sections of the Province may enjoy a proper representation, he shall not be elected from that portion of the Province in which the Grand Master resides. If present he shall be immediately installed, according to ancient usage. In the absence of the Grand Master, as hereinbefore provided, the Deputy possesses all his powers and privileges.

2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority, unless the Grand Master be present, to preside in any Lodge which he may visit, with the District Deputy Grand Master, on his right hand, and the Master of the Lodge on his left hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there; but

if the Grand Wardens be not present, then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act as his Wardens *pro tempore*.

OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. The District Deputy Grand Master, for each District, shall be nominated by the representatives of the Lodges of such District, at the Annual Communication, and if confirmed by the Grand Master, if present, he shall be regularly installed. He must be a Past Master, and a resident in the district for which he is appointed.

2. He may preside in every Lodge he visits within his District, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand.

3. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master to visit all the Lodges in his district during his term of office, to see that such Lodges are working in accordance with the ritual adopted by Grand Lodge, and that returns have been regularly forwarded, with all fees and dues that may have accrued; and on refusal or neglect on the part of any Lodge to make such returns and payments, he may suspend such Lodge.

4. He may hear and determine any subject of Masonic complaint or irregularity, respecting Lodges or individual Masons within his District, and may proceed to admonition or to suspension, until the decision of the Grand Master shall be known thereon. A minute of all such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with his decision, shall be transmitted to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary; and when the case is of so flagrant a nature, as, in the judgment of the District Deputy Grand Master, to require the erasure of a Lodge, or the expulsion of a brother, he shall make a special report to the Grand Lodge, with his opinion thereon.

5. The District Deputy Grand Master has no power to expel a Mason; but when satisfied that any brother has been unjustly or illegally suspended, removed, or excluded from any of his Masonic functions or privileges, by a Lodge within his district, he may order him to be immediately restored, and may suspend, until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Lodge or brother who shall refuse to comply with such order; and shall immediately report the circumstances to the Grand Master.

6. If the District Deputy Grand Master shall neglect to proceed on any case or business, which may be sent for his decision, within a reasonable time, the application or complaint may be transmitted

to the Grand Secretary. An appeal, in all cases, lies from the District Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

7. The District Deputy Grand Master may summon any Lodge or brother within his district to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers, and accounts of such Lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and, in case of contumacy, he may suspend the Lodge or brother, as before provided.

8. He has power to give or to refuse consent for the removal of a Lodge from town to town within his District, but not from his District into another, or from another District into his own, without the sanction of the Grand Master.

9. He has power to grant Dispensations for festivals and public processions, reporting the same to the Grand Master.

10. He is required to correspond with the Grand Lodge, and to transmit to the Grand Secretary, at least fourteen days prior to the Annual Communication, a circumstantial account, in writing, of his proceedings, and of the state of Masonry within his District; together with a list of such Lodges as may have been constituted since his last return, and the fees due thereon to the Grand Lodge.

11. He may appoint a District Chaplain and Secretary, during pleasure, but who shall have no rank in Grand Lodge by virtue of such office.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and invested at the Annual Communication.

2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge, no others can supply their places, but in their absence the Senior Past Grand Wardens present shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Warden be present, the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion.

3. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act there as his Wardens.

OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.

1. The Grand Chaplain shall be elected and invested at the Annual Communication, and shall attend all communications and

other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usage of the fraternity.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

1. The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and invested at the Annual Communication.

2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond, with two sureties, to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, in such penalty and with such conditions as may be deemed expedient, for the due performance of his trust.

3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all monies raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge or other proper authority shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every Regular Communication, or when called for by the Board of General Purposes; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the said Board, who shall make their report thereon at the Annual Communication in July.

OF GRAND REGISTRAR.

1. The Grand Registrar shall be elected and invested at the Annual Communication.

2. He shall have the custody of the seals of the Grand Lodge, and shall affix, or may authorize the Grand Secretary to affix the same to all patents, warrants, certificates, and other documents issued by authority of the Grand Lodge, together with such as the Grand Master, in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge may direct.

3. The Grand Master may, by a written document, direct the Grand Registrar to take charge of any District for which there is not a District Deputy Grand Master; and he shall thereby be empowered to perform all the functions of a District Deputy Grand Master.

OF GRAND SECRETARY.

1. The Grand Secretary shall be elected and invested at the Annual Communication.

2. The Grand Secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise; to issue

summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, Board of General Purposes, and of any Committee of which he shall be directed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several Lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; to transmit to all Lodges the proceedings of every Communication or other meeting of Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, or Board of General Purposes; to notify all Lodges, annually, of all expelled, suspended or excluded members for the year; to furnish the District Deputy Grand Masters and Board of General Purposes with all proper documents and information that they may require; to receive all petitions, memorials, &c., and to lay them before the Grand Master, or other proper authority; to attend the Grand Master or Board of General Purposes, and to take to him or them any books or papers he or they may direct; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge; to receive, credit and record all monies of the Grand Lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received, and generally to do all such things as heretofore have, or should have been done, by a Grand Secretary.

OF GRAND DEACONS.

1. The Grand Deacons are to be appointed by the Grand Master on the day of his installation.

2. If the Grand Deacons be absent, the Grand Master or presiding officer may appoint any members of Grand Lodge to officiate *pro tempore*.

OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS, GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY, ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, GRAND SWORD BEARER, GRAND ORGANIST, ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND PURSUIVANT, GRAND STEWARDS, GRAND STANDARD BEARERS, AND GRAND TYLER.

1. The Grand Superintendent of Works, Director of Ceremonies, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Sword Bearer, Organist, Assistant Organist, and Pursuivant, Standard Bearers and Stewards, are to be appointed annually by the Grand Master, on the day of his installation. They are to attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

2. The *Grand Superintendent of Works* ought to be a brother well skilled in the science of geometry and architecture. He is to advise with the Grand Master on all plans of buildings or edifices undertaken by the Grand Lodge, and furnish plans and estimates for the same; he is to superintend their construction, and see that they are conformable to the plans approved by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge; he is to suggest improvements, where necessary in all the edifices of the Grand Lodge; and on the first meeting in every year, report on the state of repair or dilapidation of such edifices, and make such further reports, from time to time, as he may deem expedient.

3. The *Grand Director of Ceremonies*, in addition to his other duties, has the care, during the session of Grand Lodge, of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

4. The *Grand Pursuivant* shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and, with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none except those that are qualified, and who have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are, in all respects, entitled to admission, be admitted.

5. *Twelve Grand Stewards* shall be annually appointed, for the regulation of grand festivals, under the direction of the Grand Master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

6. *Grand Standard Bearers* may be appointed by the Grand Master as the occasion may require. They must be Master Masons, and are to carry the standards of the Grand Lodge, and Grand Master on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the Grand Lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a Grand Officer.

7. Any Grand Officer, entitled to have a standard, may whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a standard bearer, who must be a Master Mason.

8. The *Grand Tyler* is to be elected by an open vote, at the Annual Communication.

9. The Grand Tyler is to attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

10. If any Grand Tyler shall officiate, or attend at any meeting or pretended Lodge of Masons not being regularly constituted, or

not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Master, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

1. The Board shall consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, who shall be, *ex-officio*, President of the Board; the District Deputy Grand Master of each Masonic District, the two Grand Wardens, and twenty other members, ten of whom shall be appointed by the Grand Master, and the remaining ten shall be elected by the Grand Lodge; the whole twenty to be selected from among the actual Masters and Past Masters of the Lodges. Members thus appointed and elected shall hold office for two years. Not more than one half of such appointed or elected members are to be Past Masters at the time of such appointment or election, nor can more than two members of the same Lodge be appointed or elected on the same Board; but this shall not disqualify any Past Master, being a subscribing member and Master of another Lodge, from being elected for and representing the Lodge of which he is Worshipful Master. One half the members, both appointed and elected, who have served for two years, as hereinbefore provided, must go out of office at each Annual Communication. Retiring members are eligible for re-appointment or re-election.

2. The Board shall annually elect one of its members to be vice-president.

3. The names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination as members of the Board, (five of whom are to be elected at each Annual Communication,) are to be delivered in writing to the Grand Secretary, on the first day of the assembling of Grand Lodge in Annual Communication, in order that all names so to be proposed may be printed in a list, a copy of which shall be delivered to each member of the Grand Lodge, previous to the election. The balloting lists are subsequently to be collected by scrutineers, as hereinbefore provided.

4. If the president, vice-president, or any other member of the Board die or be removed, the vacancy shall be thus filled up; if one appointed by the Grand Master, then his successor shall be appointed by the Grand Master; but if one elected by the Grand Lodge, then by ballot of the Board of General Purposes at its next meeting. Notice of such election shall be given in the summons issued for the next meeting of the Board.

5. Should the president and vice-president be absent from any meeting of the Board, the brother highest in rank and seniority shall preside.

6. There shall be half-yearly meetings of the Board, one of such meetings being held at least one day before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, at the place appointed for holding the meeting of Grand Lodge. It may be adjourned for further consideration of the business before it, and may also be convened at other times, by command of the grand master or the president.

7. Five members shall constitute a Board and may proceed to business, except in the decision of masonic complaints, for which purpose at least seven members must be present. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, in a case of equality, having a second vote.

8. The Board has authority to hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint, or irregularity respecting Lodges or individual masons, when regularly brought before it. It may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, according to the laws; and its decision shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the Grand Lodge. Notice of any such intended appeal shall be given in writing to the Grand Secretary, within fourteen days of the receipt by the Lodge, or brother, of the decision of the Board of General Purposes on the case. But should any case be of so flagrant a nature as to require the erasure of a Lodge, or the expulsion of a brother, the Board shall make a special report thereon to the Grand Lodge.

9. The Board may summon any Lodge or brother to attend it, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge, or the certificate of the brother. If such Lodge or brother do not comply, or give sufficient reasons for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the Lodge or brother shall be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Grand Lodge.

10. When the board has investigated and decided on any case which in its judgment requires admonition, fine or suspension, the fact alleged as the offence shall be fully stated in the minute, shall be declared proved, the law relating thereto quoted, and the decision recorded and acted upon.

11. In case of any charge or complaint affecting a member of the Board, or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the Board considers its decision.

12. The members of the Board shall be in masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any charge or complaint.

13. The Board shall have charge of the finances of the Grand Lodge, examine all demands upon it, and, when found correct, shall order the Grand Treasurer to discharge them.

14. The Board shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of the Grand Lodge, and to give orders for any alterations that may be considered desirable.

15. The Board may summon the Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, or other officer or brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to the Grand Lodge, to attend the Board, and the Board may give such directions as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

16. The books of the Grand Lodge shall be closed on the thirty-first day of December in each year, and at the first meeting of the Board thereafter, the account and balance sheet, together with a list of the contributions, a statement of funds in hand, and of all property belonging to Grand Lodge, shall be presented and audited; after which they shall be printed and transmitted to each Lodge.

17. The Board has the direction of everything relating to the buildings and furniture of the Grand Lodge, and may suggest any alterations or improvements.

18. The Board shall cause the necessary preparations to be made for the communications of the Grand Lodge, as well as for days of festivals, public ceremonies, &c. It shall also give orders for all the usual and ordinary articles which may be required for the Grand Lodge; but no extraordinary expense of any kind shall be incurred, without the previous sanction of Grand Lodge.

19. The Board has likewise the care and regulation of all the concerns of the Grand Lodge, and may recommend for its adoption whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the welfare and good government of the craft; and may originate plans for the better regulation of the Grand Lodge, and the arrangement of its general transactions.

20. On the day preceeding the meeting of Grand Lodge, the Board shall appoint three masters or past masters of Lodges, as a committee on credentials, who shall attend within the porch of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the

accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission. The three brethren so appointed shall be assisted by three Grand Stewards of the year.

21. No recommendation, petition, or representation of any kind, shall be received by the Board, unless it be in writing, and signed by the person or persons addressing the Board.

22. All communications from the Board to the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, or other Boards or Committees, or any private Lodge or brother, shall be made in writing.

23. The Board shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, in preference to other business.

24. The Board may appoint sub-committees from amongst its members for specific purposes, who must report to the Board.

25. All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in the minute book by the Grand Secretary.

OF PRIVATE LODGES.

1. The officers of a Lodge are the Master and his two Wardens, with their assistants, the two Deacons, Inner Guard and Tyler; to which, for the better regulation of the private concerns of the Lodge, are to be added a Treasurer and Secretary. A Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, Organist, and Stewards may also be added, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed.

2. Every Lodge shall annually elect its Master, Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer, and Secretary, by ballot, such Master having served as Warden of a warranted Lodge for one year, and at the next regular meeting following his election, after the minutes shall have been read and approved, he shall be duly installed in the chair according to ancient usage. He shall then appoint the Deacons, the Inner Guard, Director of Ceremonies, Stewards, and other officers; also, all Committees for conducting the business of the Lodge, and shall invest all the elective and appointed officers. Tylers are to be chosen by an open vote of the Lodge. But if a Lodge is desirous of investing its worshipful Master with the privilege of appointing the Wardens and Secretary, it can do so by a special by-law made to that effect, which must be sanctioned by two-thirds of the members present, at a meeting regularly convened for the consideration thereof.

3. Every Lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent

with the general regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted to the District Deputy Grand Master, for the approbation of the Grand Master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary, and also to the District Deputy Grand Master ; and, when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted ; and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

4. The by-laws of the Lodge shall be fairly written or printed in a book, and shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his mastership. Every brother shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the Lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them ; and every member shall, at all reasonable times, have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the members.

5. The Master of every Lodge is to cause the ancient charges, the regulations of the Grand Lodge relating to private Lodges, and the by-laws of his Lodge, to be read in open Lodge once in every year.

6. The Master is responsible for seeing that a book, or books, be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of its members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising ; and also their ages, as nearly as possible, at that time, and their titles, professions, or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

7. The regular days of meeting of the Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws.

8. A Lodge of emergency may, at any time, be called by summons, giving seven clear days' notice, by the authority of the Master, or, in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or in his absence, of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. A Lodge of emergency for the purpose of attending a funeral of a deceased brother, may be called at any time without the ordinary seven days' notice, by the Worshipful Master, or in his absence, by the Senior Warden, or in his absence, by the Junior Warden, but not without such authority. The particular reason of calling the Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and afterwards recorded in the minute book, and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at such meeting. No Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

9. Every Lodge shall keep a book, in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the

Lodge, and a similar book, or a portion of the same book, for visitors, who are in like manner to enter their names, masonic rank, and the name of their mother Lodge, and the Lodge they hail from.

10. The precedence of Lodges is derived from the number of their Warrant of constitution, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge. No Lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into the Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

11. No Lodge shall make a mason or admit a member, without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the craft on these occasions.

12. No Lodge shall, on any pretence, make more than five new brothers in one day, nor until they have been balloted for and approved; nor can a rejected applicant for initiation be balloted for again in the same or any other Lodge within twelve months of the time of such rejection; nor shall a higher degree in masonry be conferred on any brother at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, except by dispensation from the Grand Master, nor in any case until he has passed an examination in open Lodge in such previous degree.

13. No Lodge shall make a mason for a less consideration than twenty dollars, nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the Lodge, for all the fees payable on account of his initiation. This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated, provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master, be first obtained.

14. Every candidate initiated in a Lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation, and is liable for the regular Lodge dues.

15. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren initiated therein, and also in making the returns of its members; as no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity, unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least two years a contributing member of a Lodge.

16. To prevent injury to individuals, by their being excluded the privileges of masonry, through the neglect of their Lodges in not registering their names, any brother so circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof that he has paid the full fees of his

Lodge, shall be capable of enjoying the full privileges of the craft. But the offending Lodge shall be reported to the Grand Lodge, and rigorously proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return, and detaining monies which are the property of the Grand Lodge, and which had been paid to the Lodge for specific appropriation.

17. The Master is to see that all monies received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer, and that the account of fees or dues received on account of, and payable to the Grand Lodge, is kept separate and distinct from the monies belonging to the private fund of the Lodge. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in every year, by a committee appointed by the Lodge.

18. Each Lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a Grand Lodge certificate, to be paid for by the Lodge.

19. No Lodge or officer, or member of a Lodge, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation, to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

20. No Lodge shall form any public masonic processions, without a Dispensation from the Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master, except in case of funerals—which shall be immediately reported to the Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand Master.

21. All Lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs; every deviation, therefore, from the established mode of working, is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced. In order to preserve this uniformity, and to cultivate a good understanding among Freemasons, some members of every Lodge should be deputed to visit the other Lodges as often as may be convenient.

22. If any brother behave in such manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, and be thrice formally admonished by the Master, and persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished according to the by-laws of that particular Lodge, or the case may be reported to higher masonic authority.

23. Every Lodge has the power of suspending or excluding a member for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues; but no Lodge shall suspend or exclude any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every

opportunity of defending himself; when the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given openly. The name of every brother suspended or excluded, together with the cause of his suspension or exclusion, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and also to the District Deputy Grand Master.*

24. A member suspended for non-payment of dues, shall be immediately restored by the Lodge without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended, notice thereof being given to the Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the Lodge is situated.

25. The jewels and furniture of every Lodge belong to and are the property of the Master, Wardens and brethren of such Lodge. Nor shall any jewel be worn in a Lodge other than those specified for the officers, except such honorary or other jewel as shall appertain to, or be consistent with, those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge.

26. All minutes, lists, and books of account, belonging to a Lodge must be produced by the Master, when he shall be so required by competent authority.

27. The majority of the members of a Lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to the Master, and Wardens, or other representative, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge; because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

28. Each Lodge shall annually make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the Lodge, and including all members who claim to be entitled to attend in Grand Lodge as Past Masters, as having served the office of Master in some other Lodge, specifying the Lodge in which each of such Past Masters has served the office of Master; and no brother shall be permitted to attend in Grand Lodge, unless his name shall appear in some such return.

29. Each Lodge shall make its returns and payments semi-annually to the Grand Secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year to make such returns and payments, or if the Lodge does not meet during that period, it is liable to be erased. The Master and Wardens, or other representative of any Lodge which shall have neglected for more than one year to make such

* The term *expelled* is used only when a brother is removed from the Craft by the Grand Lodge. Upon the removal of a brother from a private Lodge, the term *excluded* or *suspended* only is applicable.

returns and payments to the Grand Lodge, are thereby disqualified from attending the Grand Lodge, or sitting upon any Committee until those returns and payments shall have been completed.

30. By a vote of the Lodge, the dues of any member in indigent circumstances may be remitted.

31. If a Lodge be dissolved, its Warrant and records shall be delivered up to the Grand Master.

32. If the Warrant of constitution of a Lodge be sold, or procured by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the Grand Master, such Warrant shall be forfeited and the Lodge erased.

33. As every Warranted Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a Warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any Lodge should determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members. Provided their number be not less than seven, otherwise their Warrant ceases and becomes extinct; and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed shall revert to the Grand Lodge, together with the funds and property of said Lodge.

34. No Lodge shall be erased, or its Warrant declared forfeited, until the Master or in his absence, the Wardens, shall have been warned, in writing, of their offence, and shall have been summoned to answer to the complaint made against them.

35. If any Lodge or its Master and Wardens, be summoned to attend, or to produce its warrant, books, papers or accounts, to the Grand Master, his Deputy, the District Deputy Grand Master, or any Board or Committee authorized by the Grand Lodge, and do not comply, or give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, such Lodge, may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the Grand Lodge.

36. A Lodge offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, or the Board of General Purposes, be subject to admonition or suspension, as before provided.

OF MASTERS AND WARDENS OF LODGES.

1. All preferment among Masons shall be grounded upon real

worth and personal merit only; therefore, no brother shall be elected Master of a Lodge, or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority or rank. No Master elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may, in the interim, rule the Lodge. It is necessary, previously to the installation of the Master, that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of a Master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the Lodge, setting forth that the brethren were again to proceed to elect a Master; and on the confirmation of that election, at the following ordinary meeting of the Lodge, the installation of the Master will follow.

2. Every Master before being placed in the chair, shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old-established usages and customs, and to preserve the land-marks of the order, and most strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

3. The Master and Wardens of a Lodge are enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can; in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among freemasons.

4. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private Lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts, when required by any lawful authority.

5. If the Master should die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties, of his office, the Senior Warden, and in the absence of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden shall act as Master, in summoning the Lodge until the next election of officers.

6. If the Master be not present, the immediate Past Master, or, if he be not present, the Senior Past Master of the Lodge, present, shall take the chair. If no Past Master of the Lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence, the Junior Warden may rule the Lodge, but not confer degrees.

7. A Past Master of any other Lodge may be invited to officiate as Master, and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

8. The Master and Wardens of every Lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, his Deputy, the District Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, or any Board or Committee authorized by the Grand Lodge; and produce the

warrant, minutes and books of the Lodge, under pain of suspension, and being reported to the next Grand Lodge.

9. The Wardens or officers of a Lodge cannot resign their offices ; nor can they be removed, unless for a cause which appears to the Lodge to be sufficient ; but if the Master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the Lodge ; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint be well founded, he shall have power to displace such officer, and another must be elected or appointed in his place.

OF TYLERS.

1. The Tyler is to be chosen by the members of the Lodge, and may at any time be removed, for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present, at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

2. He is to see that every member or visitor has signed his name to the attendance book before entering the Lodge, and that he is provided with proper clothing.

3. If any Tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting, or pretended Lodge of masons, not being regularly constituted, or not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Master, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge, and shall be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTY.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge, unless the laws of the craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with. (See *proposing members*.)

2. A brother who has been concerned in making masons clandestinely, or at a Lodge which is not a regular Lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member, nor even as a visitor, into any regular Lodge nor partake of the general charity, or other masonic privilege, till he make due submission and obtain grace.

3. No brother shall presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge,

without the direction of the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master, under pain of being expelled from the order. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a Lodge, by the authority of the Master, or the proceedings of any festival or public meeting at which persons not masons are permitted to be present.

4. Any brother who shall violate the secrecy of the ballot on candidates for initiation or membership, by stating how he voted or intended to vote, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware and mention it to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe masonic censure, and for a second offence, to expulsion.

5. The majority of the members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right, to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in the minute book of his Lodge, a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher masonic authority.

6. If any member shall be under suspension or exclusion from his Lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it without having complied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge. Whenever a member of any Lodge shall resign, or whenever, at a future time he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate of his standing; and such certificate is to be produced to any other Lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

7. All differences between, or complaints of members, that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary who shall lay them before the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, or the Board of General Purposes. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case shall have been investigated, such order and adjudication may be made as shall be authorized by the by-laws and regulations of masonry.

8. A mason offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated

authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or by the Grand Lodge only, to expulsion.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

1. A brother who may have rendered any service to the craft in general, or to any particular Lodge, may, by a vote of the Lodge, be elected an honorary member of such Lodge. The Lodge must include honorary members in its returns to Grand Lodge, and pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

2. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting in the Lodge unless specially conferred by an unanimous vote at the time of such election.

OF PROPOSING MEMBERS.

Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our ancient and honorable fraternity, from admitting members and receiving candidates without due notice being given, or enquiry made into their characters and qualifications; and also, from the passing and raising of Masons without due instructions in the respective degrees; it is determined that, in future, a violation or neglect of any of the following laws, shall subject the offending Lodge to erasure, because no emergency can be allowed as a justification:

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge without a proposition in open Lodge, at a regular meeting, nor until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next stated Lodge meeting, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge, on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary stating the fact, and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his dues paid.

2. No person shall be made a Mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, or produces a certificate of character from the nearest Lodge to the place of his previous residence; nor until he has been properly proposed at one regular meeting of the Lodge, and a committee has been appointed by the Worshipful Master to make the necessary inquiries into the character of the candidate, and

his name, age, addition or profession, and place of abode, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular meeting, when, after the committee have reported to the Lodge in his favor, he must be ballotted for, and if approved, he may be initiated in the first degree of masonry, but should the report be unfavorable he shall be considered a rejected candidate.

3. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another Lodge, without the consent, by a resolution of that Lodge, which shall be signified in writing, unless by Dispensation of the Grand Master, except in a town or city where there is more than one Lodge, in which case each Lodge has concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction extends in every direction, half way to the nearest Lodge.

4. In case of emergency, the following alteration, as to the mode of proposing a candidate, is allowed. Any two members of a Lodge may transmit, in writing to the Master, the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which causes the emergency; and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a notice to every member; appoint a committee as before provided; and at the same time summon the Lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; and if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry. The Master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition, and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the minute book of the Lodge.

5. No person under the age of twenty-one years, shall be made a mason in any Lodge, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master; nor shall any dispensation suspend the operations of the law requiring seven days' notice, or committee of enquiry, or the ballot. Every candidate must be free-born, and his own master, and, at the time of initiation, be known to be in reputable circumstances. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some progress in one or the other of them; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name at full length, to a declaration of the following import,* viz;

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, officers and members of the Lodge of ——— No. ———

I, ———, being free by birth, and of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare, that unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy

* Any individual who cannot write, is consequently ineligible to be admitted into the Order.

motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of masonry ; that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge ; and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the order. Witness my hand, this —— day of ——, 18——.

Witness, ——

A—— B——.

6. A petition having been received, it cannot be withdrawn.

7. No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if, on the ballot, two black balls appear against him. Some Lodges wish for no such indulgence, but require the unanimous consent of the members present ; the by-laws of each Lodge must, therefore, guide them in this respect ; but if there be two black balls, such person cannot, on any pretence, be admitted.

8. Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the constitutions, and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the craft, intimated to him in time and place convenient ; and he must sign the by-laws of the Lodge on his initiation, a copy of which, together with a copy of the constitution of Grand Lodge, shall then be presented to him.

9. A rejected candidate cannot be ballotted for in the same, or any other Lodge, within twelve months from the time of his rejection.

OF THE LODGE SEAL.

1. Every Lodge shall have a masonic seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued.

2. An impression of the seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

1. No General Lodge of instruction shall be holden, unless under the sanction of a regular Warranted Lodge or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master. The Lodge giving its sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

2. Notice of the times and places of meeting of the Lodges of instruction shall be given to the Grand Secretary.

3. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of all brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, or Lodge granting the sanction.

4. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of instruction being held under its Warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of instruction : provided notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

OF VISITORS.

1. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge, unless he be personally known or recommended, or well vouched for ; and after due examination by one or more of the brethren present, and shall have entered his name, masonic rank, the name of his mother Lodge, and the Lodge hailing from, in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose ; and during his continuance in the Lodge, he must be subject to the by-laws of the Lodge. The Master of the Lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

2. No brother residing in the province, and not affiliated with some Lodge, shall be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund for himself or family, to masonic burial, nor to take part in any masonic ceremony, public or private, nor entitled to any masonic privilege whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any one Lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the craft.

The attention of the brethren is particularly called to the exercise of the greatest caution in vouching for brethren.

OF CERTIFICATES.

1. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate, immediately upon being registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, for which certificate the Lodge shall pay two dollars. Each Lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the masons whom it has initiated, shall, in addition to the register fee, make a remittance of the money for the certificates.

2. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name to the margin thereof, or it will not be valid.

This should be done in the presence of the Worshipful Master or the Secretary of the Lodge.

3. No brother shall obtain a Grand Lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master.

4. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify not only the date of initiation but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

5. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary; and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can on any account, be issued until such money has been paid.

6. No Lodge shall grant a private Lodge certificate to a brother, except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a Grand Lodge certificate, in which case such certificate shall be specifically addressed to the Grand Secretary, and except also such certificates as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its committees, or issued to a member on retirement or exclusion from a Lodge for the purpose of evidence of standing. Nor shall a Lodge, under any pretence, make a charge for a private Lodge certificate.

OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

1. No public procession shall on any pretence be allowed, without the permission of the Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master, except a masonic funeral, the urgency of which will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master. Such proceeding shall be immediately reported by the Master of the Lodge to the Grand Master, through the Grand Secretary, and to the District Deputy Grand Master.

2. If any brother shall attend as a Mason, clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the craft, at any public procession, except a masonic funeral, without the permission of the Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a Lodge, and also be excluded

the benefit of the general charity. And if any Lodge shall so offend, it shall stand suspended until the Grand Lodge shall determine thereon.

OF APPEAL.

1. As the Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a representation of every individual member of the fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the craft. Any Lodge or brother, therefore, who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other masonic authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

2. Notice of all appeals must be given in writing to the Grand Secretary within fourteen days from the receipt of the decision appealed against, in proper and respectful language.

FEEES.

The following shall be the fees payable to the Grand Lodge :

For granting a new warrant, thirty dollars.

For a dispensation for a new Lodge, twenty dollars.

For a warrant of confirmation, ten dollars.

For a new warrant, in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to initiate a candidate under twenty-one years of age, twenty dollars.

For a dispensation to confer any degree in less time than one month, twenty dollars.

For a dispensation to initiate a person from without the jurisdiction of a Lodge, ten dollars.

For a dispensation for any public procession, one dollar.

For a Grand Lodge certificate, two dollars.

For every person initiated into a Lodge, one dollar registration fee.

For every entered apprentice or fellow-craft joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar and fifty-cents.

For every Master Mason joining from another Lodge, fifty cents.

For every Master Mason joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar.

Every member of each Lodge shall pay toward the fund for Grand Lodge purposes, fifty cents per annum.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by M.W. Br. W. M. Wilson, and

Resolved—That the Constitution as now read, be approved and confirmed, and that the same be printed for the use of the craft.

FRIDAY, 15th July, 1864.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 10.30 o'clock, A. M.

M. W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R.W. Br. Richard Pope, and

Resolved—That the M.W. Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Standing Committee of the Board of General Purposes on Benevolence, be the Committee on Charitable Purposes referred to in the resolution of last Grand Lodge.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following report on matters contained in the address of the M.W. Grand Master :

REPORT.

M. W. GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge.

The Board to whom was submitted the address of the M. W. Grand Master, are glad to acknowledge the success which has attended the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and are thoroughly impressed with the advantages they enjoy thereby.

The eloquent and patriotic language in which the Most Worshipful Grand Master has referred to the birth of the son of the Prince of Wales, we feel is addressed to an assemblage where such sentiments are fully and entirely acceptable, and we can never too often join in expressing our heartfelt satisfaction with the joys of our royal dynasty, the prosperity of our mother country, and the inseparable advantages we derive therefrom, not only as british subjects, but as members of the craft.

While we hail with pleasure the accession of new Lodges to our number, we hope that where applications are made for Warrants, their progress under Dispensation has been found worthy of the further and more permanent advantages they seek to obtain.

The Grand Lodge of England must necessarily be the proper judge of its own relations towards its subordinate Lodges, and as it claims that the "St. George's" Lodge, No. $\frac{643}{440}$, has been working regularly under it from 1856, previously to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada by the Grand Lodge of England, your Board are of opinion that this Grand Lodge must now most cheerfully recognize "St. George's" Lodge, notwithstanding the grounds they had previously understood as existing against such recognition.

The Board have not omitted to notice the very important subject to which the M. W. Grand Master has directed the attention of Grand Lodge, namely: the period at which this Grand Lodge may hope to have undivided jurisdiction over the entire Province. Mindful as we are that the recognition of this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of England, was accepted on terms providing for the continuance of their authority in certain specified cases, and notwithstanding the objections inherent to that system, we cannot at present see any course which, with honor, is now open to this Grand Lodge to change the well understood arrangement. It is possible, however, that circumstances may arise in the future which may bring about the entire absorption of all Lodges within the territorial limits of our Grand Lodge, with satisfaction to ourselves, as well as to the Grand Lodge of England and such other Grand Lodges as yet claim jurisdiction over certain Lodges in this Province.

We join in deploring, in common with our Scottish brethren, the loss of their Grand Master, the Duke of Athole.

With the Grand Lodges of the several States of America, we are always prepared, and trust that the same will ever continue, to extend the right hand of fellowship, and will gladly accord to their representatives all such honors as we can bestow.

The very important subject of the revision of our Constitution, and the suggestions made by the M. W. Grand Master will, we have no doubt, receive the anxious consideration of Grand Lodge during the present communication, and we trust that with the benefit of the valuable experience of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, always cheerfully given, a sound and useful system will be secured, which we sincerely hope will be so well adapted to our requirements, as not to require change for some time.

Acknowledging our high privileges as subjects and masons, we join in the prayer of the M. W. Grand Master, that the blessings of peace should remain with us and our country, and that we may be spared to meet again, and that the G.A.O.T.U. will continue to preserve our order, and cement and adorn it with every moral and social virtue.

W. B. SIMPSON,
P.E.G.P.

It was moved by R. W. Br. A. G. Macdonell, seconded by R. W. Br. L. H. Henderson, and

Resolved—That the report of the Board of General Purposes, on the address, of the M. W. Grand Master, be received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following report, on

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

Your Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred all matters connected with constitutions and regulations beg leave to report, that it has come to its knowledge that some Lodges are working under By-laws which have never been submitted to, or confirmed by the M. W. Grand Master. Your Board would respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary

be required to communicate with every Lodge which has not, to his knowledge, had its by-laws so confirmed, directing them to send immediately a copy of their by-laws to be so submitted and confirmed.

Your Board cannot refrain from expressing its deep gratification at the successful revision of the Constitution, at the present session of Grand Lodge. Your Board will instruct the Grand Secretary with as little delay as possible, to furnish all Lodges with a copy printed by authority.

Your Board has examined the register book of "Maple Leaf" Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines, and find it of such a clear and concise nature as to make it a most valuable record for private Lodges; on examination, can be seen almost at a glance, every thing of importance that has been done since the formation of the Lodge. Your Board would respectfully suggest that the Grand Secretary be requested to communicate with all the Lodges with a view of ascertaining how many Lodges would be desirous of providing themselves with a similar record. Upon this information being obtained, the Grand Secretary shall cause all such Lodges to be furnished with a copy, upon the payment of the cost and charges of such register.

W. B. SIMPSON.

P. B. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Br. George Masson, seconded by R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, and

Resolved—That the report of the Board on Constitution and Regulation be received and adopted.

In accordance with notice of motion given, the following places were put in nomination for the holding of the next Annual Communication, by

R. W. Br. Fowler,	seconded by	R. W. Br. Macdonell	Kingston.
" " " L. H. Henderson,	"	" " " Seymour	Belleville.
" " Wylie,	"	" " McArthur	Brockville.
" " Kerr,	"	" " " Paterson	Toronto.
" " Reynolds,	"	" " Macdonnell	Prescott.
" " " Morehouse,	"	" " Osgood	Montreal.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been severally taken on the various places, it was declared in favor of Toronto.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Richard Pope, seconded by R. W. Br. John H. Graham, and

Resolved—That the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held every third year in Canada East, this arrangement to commence from the year 1863.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE.

The Board of General Purposes having carefully considered the various applications for relief, brought before it, beg to recommend the following appropriations from the Fund of Benevolence :

1. To the widow and family of the late Rev. Br. Daniel Falloon, D. D., L. L. D., late Chaplain of "St. Francis' " Lodge, No. 67, Richmond, C. E., the sum of \$75 00
2. To Br. Wells, of "Harington " Lodge, No. 49, Quebec 75 00
3. To the widow and family of the late Br. G. W. Powell, of Simeoe, C.W., in addition to the amount already granted by the Grand Master..... 25 00
4. To the widow of Br. Pardee, of Brockville..... 25 00
5. To the widow of Bro. McConniff, late a member of "Cassia " Lodge, No. 116, Widder, C. W..... 40 00
6. With respect to the case of Bro. Pollack, of the registry of France, the Board regrets that the state of the funds, will not admit of an appropriation being at present made in his behalf.

The whole respectfully submitted.

W. B. SIMPSON,

P. B. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Br. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Br. Robert Spence, and

Resolved—That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Robert Spence, seconded by R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, and

Resolved—That Reports of Committee and of the Board of General Purposes, when brought up, be laid over for adoption till next day, except in cases of an extraordinary nature, when the M. W. Grand Master may declare it in order to propose a motion for adoption immediately.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Robert Spence, seconded by R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, and

Resolved—That at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the first order of the day be the reading and confirming the minutes of the preceding day, except the minutes of the last day of session which shall be read and confirmed at the closing.

It was moved by M. W. Br. W. C. Stephens, seconded by V. W. Br. F. J. Rastrick, and

Resolved—That the system of nomination for the elective offices in Grand Lodge be adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint as scrutineers, W. Brs. C. J. S. Askin, James Reynolds and George T. Morehouse.

The nomination and balloting for the elective Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year, was proceeded with, and the following brethren were declared duly elected, viz:

R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, Kingston, Grand Master.

“ “ “ A. A. Stevenson, Montreal, Deputy Grand Master.

“ “ Edmond J. Sisson, Belleville, Grand Senior Warden.

“ “ John Renshaw, Montreal, “ Junior “

“ “ “ Rev. Vincent Clementi, Peterboro', re-elected, Grand Chaplain.

“ “ “ Henry Groff, Simcoe, re-elected, Grand Treasurer.

V. “ “ Charles D. Macdonnell, Kingston, Grand Registrar.

R. “ “ Thos. Bird Harris, Hamilton, re-elected, Grand Secretary.

By an open vote of Grand Lodge,

“ W. W. Summers, Grand Tyler.

M. W. Br. W. M. Wilson, P. G. M., gave the following notice.

That at the next Annual Communication he would move

that a suitable testimonial be presented to the M. W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, for his valuable service to masonry.

Nominated by the representatives of Lodges of the various masonic districts, as District Deputy Grand Masters, and approved by the M. W. Grand Master.

V. W. Br.	C. J. S. Askin,	London	District.
R. " "	David Curtis, re-elected,	Wilson	"
V. " "	Charles Kahn,	Huron	"
" "	Harcourt B. Bull,	Hamilton	"
R. " "	Robert Spence,	Toronto	"
" "	J. Milne,	Ontario	"
R. " "	L. H. Henderson, re-elected,	Prince Edw'd	"
" "	Robert Lyon,	Central	"
" "	Robert A. Smith,	Montreal	"
" "	George H Borlase,	E. Townships	"
R. " "	Richard Pope, re-elected	Quebec	"

The M.W. Grand Master appointed R.W. Br. George T. Morehouse and W. Br. James Reynolds, to act in conjunction with V.W. Brs. W. F. Biggar and C. J. S. Askin, as Scrutineers, to examine the ballot of Grand Lodge for the elective members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year.

The balloting papers containing the names of brethren nominated for members of the Board were distributed.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following report on

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board of General Purposes have had under consideration the case of Gustavus R. Jarvis, formerly Worshipful Master of "Tudor" Lodge, No. 141, and under suspension by that Lodge for unmasonic conduct. The Board are of opinion that Gustavus R. Jarvis be expelled from the order of Freemasonry, and that such expulsion be recorded and enforced.

It has also been brought to the notice of your Board that Br. John Taylor, of "Montreal Kilwinning" Lodge, No. 124,

has been suspended by that Lodge, after having been convicted on a charge of embezzlement, and that the Lodge has made a representation on the subject with the view of expulsion; your Board, therefore, recommend that the necessary notice be given to Br. John Taylor, by the Grand Secretary, to show cause, at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, why sentence of expulsion should not be recorded against him.

In the case of the appeal of Past Master Br. Francis Keller, against his suspension by "Composite" Lodge, No. 30, this Board is of opinion that the suspension by the Worshipful Master is irregular and null, on the ground that he was not tried for the alleged offence; and the Lodge should, therefore, re-admit Br. Keller to all the privileges of membership. The Board take the opportunity of remarking that Br. Keller's conduct might well have been such as not to have given occasion to the difficulty which has arisen.

Br. Past Master Alex. Walker, a member of "Garrison" Lodge, Quebec, now under dispensation, has remonstrated under the following circumstances:—The Worshipful Master of that Lodge having been by military duty called to another part of the Province, and in his absence, the Senior Warden, himself the Worshipful Master of "Albion" Lodge, of Quebec, under the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, and acting under the direction of the District Deputy Grand Master of the Quebec District, took the Master's chair, and worked and governed the Lodge. Past Master Br. Walker claims that he, as a Past Master, was entitled to the Master's chair in preference to the Senior Warden. The Board are of opinion that the Past Master is in error, as he was not the immediate Past Master, it not being possible that a Lodge under dispensation could have an immediate Past Master. Had the Senior Warden not have been a Worshipful Master, he would, in this case, have had the right to have ruled the Lodge, but not confer degrees.

The appeal of Br. W. M. Whitehead, against his exclusion from "Burford" Lodge, No. 106, of which he is a member, the Board recommend should be referred to the District Deputy Grand Master of the Wilson District. Br. Whitehead has not

appeared at Grand Lodge to follow up his appeal, which your Board deem it desirable should be done in all similar cases; but under the circumstances of the case, as related by R.W. Brother Curtis, to save delay and some expense, your Board are of opinion that this matter will be best disposed of by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District.

W. B. SIMPSON,
P.B.G.P.

It was moved by R.W. Br. William Fitch, seconded by R.W. Br. S. D. Fowler, and

Resolved—That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet at 7.30 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8.15 o'clock, P.M.
M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following report on

FINANCE.

The Board of General Purposes have examined several accounts against Grand Lodge, and finding the following to be correct, have directed payment of the same, viz :

W. C. Chewet & Co.	\$192 50
A. Copp & Co.	8 75
W. Brown & Co.	3 08
W. Gillespy (<i>Speetator</i>)	39 60
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	\$242 93

The books of Grand Secretary have been examined, and were certified by the R. W. the President, to 31st December last. They have been inspected since the accounts were balanced

for the half-year ending 30th May; and the Board have much pleasure in testifying to the neatness and accuracy with which they have been kept.

The receipts, to 30th June, were—

For Certificates	\$723 00
“ Fees	421 50
“ Dues	1281 42
“ Dispensations	147 00
“ Warrants	40 00
“ Constitutions	14 50
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	\$2627 42

Deposit receipts for this amount are acknowledged by Grand Treasurer.

The accounts of R. W. the Grand Treasurer have been examined and found to be correct.

Of the General Funds of Grand Lodge, at last Annual Communication, there was a balance,

Represented by Gore Bank Receipts....	\$7,800 00
Cash	274 41
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	\$8,074 41

Since that period there was received by

Grand Treasurer, inclusive of \$416,
subscribed by private Lodges for the
“ Wilson Testimonial”..... \$3,205 38

The disbursements by Grand Treasurer for that period, were.....	2,412 28
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	793 10
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	\$8,867 51

Represented by Gore Bank deposits....	\$8,400 00
Cash in Treasurer’s hands.....	467 51
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	\$8,867 51

to 31st December, 1863.

For the half-year ending 30th June last, the credit
side, cash account, shows..... \$12,242 20

The expenditure, appropriation for Benevolent Fund, Asylum Fund, and General Investment Fund

\$11,589 43

Cash in Treasurer's hands

652 77

————— \$12,242 20

Of this expenditure, there appears the following order of President Board of General Purposes, on Grand Treasurer, being an additional amount to that previously expended for purchase of Testimonial to M.W. Br. Stephens

\$260 00

To Grand Secretary, for incidental expenses

49 60

“ Assistant Secretary

100 00

“ Mrs. Ridout, per resolution of Grand Lodge....

100 00

————— \$549 60

The other items were ordinary expenditure and disposition of funds in accordance with resolution of Grand Lodge, for various special purposes.

The balance at debit of Lodges, as shewn by Grand

Secretary, amounts to

\$1,102 50

Of Lodges in arrear,—since December, 1860

1

“ “ “ “ June, 1861

2

“ “ “ “ December, “

1

“ “ “ “ June, 1862

11

“ “ “ “ December, “

7

“ “ “ “ June, 1863

21

“ “ “ “ December, “

77

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Total in arrears to December, 1863

120

It appears that only twenty three Lodges were clear on the books, on the 30th June, 1864.

The funds of Grand Lodge consist of the following :

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Middlesex debentures

\$1,600 00

Bank receipts

4,400 00

————— \$6,000 00

ASYLUM FUND.

Amount at credit Bank of Upper Canada..... \$1,585 71

GENERAL INVESTMENT FUND.

Gore Bank deposit receipts	5,400 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....	712 62
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	\$13,698 33

Say to 30th June, 1864, thirteen thousand six hundred and ninety-eight dollars and thirty-three cents.

The Benevolent Fund has produced to 30th June..	\$221 15
Less amount wrongly charge to General Fund, viz :	
To Grand Secretary	\$50 00
“ M.W. Grand Master.....	50 00
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	100 00
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	\$121 15

By resolution of Grand Lodge, the interest accruing to this fund is available for benevolent purposes.

From which was paid—

Per M.W. the Grand Masters's order in favor of Mrs. Childs.....	\$20 00
Per R.W. Br. Pope's order in favor of W. Br. Cole	20 00
To M.W. Br. Wilson, for Mrs. George W. Powell	30 00
To Br. Maughan, for Mrs. Pardee.....	20 00
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	90 00
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	\$31 15
To which add interest not collected.....	50 85

Total 30th June, available for benevolent purposes	\$82 00
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As regards the Benevolent Fund, it is proper that Grand Lodge should understand that the appropriations at this Annual Communication, exceed in amount three times the sum at the credit of this Fund.

By recommendation of this Board, approved by Grand Lodge, 10 per cent. of the fees and dues is to be carried to credit of this Fund.

It is expected, very naturally, that in so numerous a body as the masons of Canada, in addition to very many non-affiliated brethren from Europe and the States of America, that the applications for relief from this Fund will be far beyond its means, and therefore it is desirable that Grand Lodge should lay down some general principles for the guidance of those upon whom may devolve the peculiarly painful duty of determining who shall not be recipients of this Fund.

1st. It is recommended that in no case shall the appropriations or grants exceed the estimated amount at credit of the Fund.

2nd. That the determination of the Board or Committee, as to the persons best entitled to receive relief, shall be made not more frequently than twice in each year, except in some extraordinary calamity by fire or sudden bereavement, in which case the M. W. the Grand Master shall have authority to direct the President of the Board of General Purposes to draw upon the Treasurer and against any unappropriated amount at credit of Benevolent Fund in aid of such sufferer.

3rd. That at the meetings of Benevolent Committee the applications of Widows of deserving masons, having children, have the preference.

4th. That next to such, Widows of deserving masons, who by infirmity or old age are unable to obtain the means of support, shall be considered.

5th. That no unaffiliated brother shall be considered to have a claim on this Fund except by direct vote of Grand Lodge.

That the funds of Grand Lodge should be held *sacred* to the purposes of Benevolence, after payment of necessary expenses, and especially for the purpose of erecting and endowing the long desired object of every true-hearted Canadian Mason—
THE MASONIC ASYLUM.

That while fully recognizing the services of the distinguished brothers who aided in the establishment of Grand Lodge, and the

testimonials of Grand Lodge to such, it is necessary to declare that for the future, that Grand Lodge being the trustees of the funds of subordinate Lodges, no money appropriation should be made in recognition of the services of any brother not claiming relief, beyond the purchase of a suitable *jewel* in testimony of fraternal regard, and of distinguished services conferred on the craft.

The Board is happy to announce to Grand Lodge that R.W. Br. Harman, Solicitor to Grand Lodge, has arranged, subject to approval, for the investment of the "Masonic Asylum Fund" at 8 per centum. It is recommended that on the completion of the security of such, the Grand Secretary communicate briefly to the various Lodges this fact, in order to satisfy Lodges who have subscribed, that their benevolent intentions are being carried out, as well as to stimulate Lodges who have not yet sent in their subscription, to be participators in this grand and benevolent object.

That it is expedient to transfer a further sum, say two thousand dollars. to the Asylum Fund, in order that the increased interest by investment be secured.

The application of "Golden Rule" Lodge, No. 12, for aid in consequence of the dues to said Lodge having been paid in American currency, it was resolved that an extension of six months for the payment of dues to Grand Lodge be granted.

The application of "Amity" Lodge, No. 32, for aid in consequence of the loss of all their masonic property, valued at five hundred dollars. It appearing that a loan would not be acceptable, this Board is unable, under present circumstances, to recommend a grant.

The application of "Yamaska" Lodge, No. 130, asking for exemption from payment of Grand Lodge dues. It is recommended that the matter be referred to the District Deputy Grand Master, for report to Board of General Purposes at next meeting.

The application of "St. Thomas" Lodge, No. 44, praying that their indebtedness to Grand Lodge be reduced to \$30, which sum,

if accepted by Grand Lodge, would be immediately remitted. It was resolved that the application could not be entertained.

The Board authorized the President to pay the incidental charges of the expense of this Communication of Grand Lodge.

That it having been reported to this Board, that "Faithful Brethren" Lodge, No. 77, has ceased to work for upwards of three years; and has not within that period forwarded to Grand Secretary its returns; it is recommended that the District Deputy Grand Master recover the Warrant of Lodge No. 77, in such manner as to him may appear judicious.

That in reference to Lodges in arrear for eighteen months and upwards it is expedient that such be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes at its next session, to shew cause why such arrears are unliquidated; and failing to show just cause that suspension follow within three months thereafter unless such arrears be sooner paid.

That in the case of any Lodge failing to make returns, or to forward Grand Lodge dues for the space of one year, previous to 27th December, in any year, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to summon such Lodge to appear before the then ensuing Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, to shew cause why such Lodge should not be erased from Grand Registry of Canada.

That in the case of any Lodge failing to make returns, or to forward its Grand Lodge dues for the space of one year, previous to the 24th June, in any year, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to summon such Lodge to appear before the Board of General Purposes at its then ensuing session to shew cause why such Lodge should not be suspended.

W. B. SIMPSON,

P. B. G. P.

It was moved by R.W. Br. R. Spence, seconded by R.W. Br. James Seymour, and

Resolved—That the foregoing report of the Board on Finance be received and adopted.

V.W. Br. W. F. Biggar, on behalf of the Scrutineers, submitted the following

REPORT.

To the M.W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Scrutineers appointed to examine the ballot for the election of six brethren as members of the Board of General Purposes, beg leave to report that the following brethren have been elected :

R. 'W. Br. Henry Macpherson,	St. George's	Lodge, No. 88
" " " Æmilius Irving,	Alma	" " 72
" " " George Masson,	Victoria	" " 56
" " " Alex. S. Kirkpatrick,	St. John's	" " 3
" " " W. H. Weller,	St. John's	" " 17
" " " William Bellhouse,	Strict Observance	" " 27

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. BIGGAR,
CHAS. J. S. ASKIN,
JAMES REYNOLDS.

It was moved by V.W. Br. W. F. Biggar, seconded by V.W. Br. C. J. S. Askin, and

Resolved—That the report of the Scrutineers be received and adopted.

The M.W. Grand Master, in a very impressive manner, installed and invested his successor,

M. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, Grand Master.

The M.W. Brother was thrice proclaimed, and saluted with the customary masonic honors.

The newly installed M. W. Grand Master proceeded with the investiture of the other newly elected officers, viz :

R. W. Br. A. A. Stevenson, Deputy Grand Master.

"	"	"	Edmond J. Sisson,	Grand Senior Warden.
"	"	"	John Renshaw,	" Junior Warden.
"	"	"	Rev. V. Clementi, re-elected	" Chaplain.
"	"	"	Henry Groff, re-elected	" Treasurer.
"	"	"	Charles D. Macdonnell,	" Registrar.
"	"	"	Thos. Bird Harris, re-elected	" Secretary.
"	"	"	W. W. Summers,	" Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Br.	C. J. S. Askin,	London	District.
"	"	David Curtis,	Wilson " re-elected.
"	"	Charles Kahn,	Huron "
"	"	H. B. Bull,	Hamilton "
"	"	R. Spence,	Toronto "
"	"	J. Milne,	Ontario "
"	"	L. H. Henderson,	Prince Edward " re-elected.
"	"	Robert Lyon,	Central "
"	"	Robert A. Smith,	Montreal "
"	"	Geo. H. Borlase,	E. Townships "
"	"	Richard Pope,	Quebec " re-elected.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, viz :

V. W. Br. Alex. S. Kirkpatrick, Grand Senior Deacon.

" " " Geo. S. Jarvis, " Junior "

At a subsequent date, the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the under-mentioned appointments for insertion in the minutes, viz :

V. W. Br. Frederick J. Rastrick, Grand Superint't of Works.

"	"	"	John W. Murton,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
"	"	"	Thos. McCracken, Assist.	" Secretary.
"	"	"	James Bain,	" Sword Bearer.
"	"	"	A. B. Parmelee, Assist.	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
"	"	"	Henry Carlisle,	" Organist.

V. W. Br. Robert Leslie, Assistant Grand Organist.

“ “ “ Stanislaus H. Blondhiem, “ Pursuivant

“ “ “ James Reynolds,

“ “ “ D. Barker,

“ “ “ F. C. Draper,

“ “ “ John M. Horsey,

“ “ “ Jabez Amsden,

“ “ “ T. B. Pardee,

“ “ “ Edward A. Walker,

“ “ “ James H. Rowan,

“ “ “ Saml. G. Dolson,

“ “ “ Wm. B. Gallwey,

“ “ “ H. V. Sanders,

“ “ “ Stevens Baker,

Grand Stewards.

The Grand Officers elect having been duly invested, were proclaimed in accordance with the usages of masonry.

The M. W. Grand Master, as required by the constitution, was pleased to appoint the under-mentioned brethren to be members of the Board of General Purposes, viz :

R. W. Br. S. D. Fowler, V. W. Brs. John W. Murton and John Paterson, W. Brs. James Reynolds, and Otto Klotz, and R. W. Br. John C. Franck.

The Board of General Purposes, in conclusion, have to report to Grand Lodge that the Grand Secretary laid before them copies of the annual proceedings from the following sister Grand Lodges, viz :

Grand Lodge of Scotland. 1863	Kansas 1863
P.G.L., of Nova Scotia.. 1863	Louisiana 1864
California 1863	Maine 1863
Colorado 1863	Maryland 1863
Connecticut 1863	Massachussetts 1863
Delaware 1863	Michigan 1864
Dist. of Columbia.. 1862, 1863	Minnesota. 1863
Illinois 1863	Nebraska 1863
Indiana 1863	New Hampshire 1863
Iowa 1863	New Jersey 1863

New York	1863	Rhode Island	1863
Ohio	1863	Vermont	1863
Oregon	1862, 1863	Wisconsin	1863
Pennsylvania	1863	Washington Territory ..	1862

The Board have also much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt, by the Grand Secretary, of Volume III, being a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and they beg to recommend that the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, for the same.

The labors of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in Ample form, with solemn prayer.

[ATTEST.]



Thos. R. Harris
 G. Sec'y.

Grand Secretary's Account.

THOMAS B. HARRIS, *Grand Secretary, in Account Current with the Grand Lodge of Canada. Monies received during the fiscal year, from 31st December, 1862, to 31st December, 1863.*

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
—	Antiquity Lodge, Montreal.	79.25		Brought forward....	\$1,931.58
2	Niagara, Niagara	87.00	52	Wellington, Dunville	31.25
3	St. John's, Kingston.....	78.75	53	Shefford, Waterloo.....	21 91
4	Dorchester, St. Johns'....	40.00	54	Vaughan, Maple	29.50
5	Sussex, Brockville	35.00	55	Mirickville, Mirickville... ..	40.50
6	Barton, Hamilton.....	81.25	56	Victoria, Port Sarnia... .	33.25
7	Union, Grimbsy	47.43	57	Harmony, Binbrook	35.50
8	Nelson, Henryville.....	39.50	58	Doric, Ottawa.....	57.80
9	Union, Napanee	45.00	59	Corinthian, Ottawa.....	66.50
10	Norfolk, Simcoe	11.50	60	Hoyle, La Colle	12.00
12	Golden Rule, Stanstead... ..	22.20	61	Acacia, Hamilton.....	15 25
13	Western Light, Bolton... ..	14.50	62	St. Andrew's Caledonia....	124.05
12	True Briton's, Perth... ..	19.50	64	Kilwinning, London.....	11.00
15	St. George's, St. Catharines	44.60	66	Durham, Newcastle.....	15.00
16	St. Andrew's, Toronto....	59.85	67	St. Francis, Richmond....	23.00
17	St. John's, Cobourg.....	38.00	68	St. John's, Ingersoll.....	23.00
18	Prince Edward's, Picton..	42.00	71	Victoria, Sherbrooke	30.25
19	St. George's, Montreal... ..	51.50	72	Alma, Galt	85.75
20	St. John's, London.....	106.00	73	St. James', St Mary's.....	46.00
21	Zetland, Montreal.....	50.00	74	St. James', Maitland.....	18.25
22	King Solomon's, Toronto..	89.57	75	St. John's Toronto.....	61.50
23	Richmond, Richmond Hill.	23.00	76	Oxford, Woodstock.....	20.00
24	St. Francis, Smith's Falls..	2.00	78	King Hiram, Tilsonburg ..	62.25
25	Ionic, Toronto	51.25	79	Simcoe, Bradford	36.75
26	Ontario, Port Hope	25.00	80	Albion, Newbury.....	13.25
27	Strict Observance, Hamilton	92.50	81	St. John's, Delaware.....	25.75
28	Mount Zion, Kemptville..	51.75	82	St. John's, Paris.....	33.25
29	United, Brighton	29.25	83	Beaver, Strathroy	24.49
30	Composite, Whitby	24.00	84	Clinton, Clinton.....	44 50
34	Thistle, Amherstburg.....	8.50	86	Wilson, Toronto.....	44.00
35	St. John's, Cayuga.....	35.75	87	Markham Union, Markham	23.50
37	King Hiram, Ingersoll... ..	18.00	88	St. George's, Owen Sound.	43.00
38	Trent, Trenton	47.75	90	Manito, Collingwood.....	110.50
40	St. John's, Hamilton	66.25	91	Colborne, Colborne.....	46.00
42	St. George's, London.....	36.50	92	Cataraqui, Kingston.....	92.75
44	St. Thomas, St. Thomas ..	14.75	93	Northern Light, Kincardine	22.25
45	Brant, Brantford.....	89.75	95	Ridout, Otterville.....	9.75
46	Wellington, Chatham	47.50	96	Corinthian, Barrie	29.50
47	Great Western, Windsor..	14.00	97	Sharon, Sharon.....	16.75
48	Madoc, Madoc.....	50.00	98	True Blue, Albion	11.50
49	Harington, Quebec.....	103.75	99	Tuscan, Newmarket.....	35.50
50	Consecon, Consecon	102.75	100	Valley, Dundas.....	25.50
51	Corinthian, Grahamville ..	15.00	101	Corinthian, Peterboro....	15.18
Carried forward....		\$1,931.58	Carried forward....		\$3,606.76

Grand Secretary's Account Current—[CONTINUED.]

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
	Brought forward...	\$3,606.76		Brought forward...	\$4,508.11
103	Maple Leaf, St. Catherines	66.35	138	Aylmer, Aylmer, C. E...	55.00
104	St. John's, Norwichville..	28.50	140	Malahide, Aylmer, C.W..	52.45
105	St. Mark's, Drummondville	32.00	141	Tudor, Mitchell	44.00
107	St. Paul's, Lambeth . . .	18.25	142	Excelsior, Morrisburg....	24.25
108	Blenheim, Drumbo.. . . .	17.00	143	Friendly Brothers, Iroquois	10.00
110	Central, Prescott.....	101.50	144	Tecumseh, Stratford	13.50
112	Maitland, Goderich.	30.00	146	Prince of Wales, Newburg	27.25
113	Wilson, Waterford	50.75	147	Mississippi, Almonte	14.25
114	Hope, Port Hope	21.50	148	Civil Service, Quebec....	42.50
115	Ivy, Smithville	1.00	149	Erie, Port Dover.....	28.50
116	Cassia, Widder.....	35.25	150	Hastings, Hastings.....	14.75
117	Stanbridge, Stanbridge ..	34.25	151	The Graud River, Berlin..	20.50
118	Union, Lloydtown	34.00	152	Clarenceville, Clarenceville	2.00
120	Warren Fingal	25.00	153	Burns, Wyoming	8.00
121	Doric, Brantford.....	10.00	154	Irving, Lucan.....	17.00
123	The Belleville, Belleville .	28.75	155	Peterborough, Peterboro'	58.50
124	Montreal Kilwin'g, Montr'l	48.75	156	York, Eglinton.....	20.00
125	Cornwall, Cornwall.....	9.00	U.D.	Alexandria, Oil Springs.	28.00
126	Golden Rule, Campbellsford	32.50	U.D.	Goodwood, Richm'd, C.W	20.00
128	Pembroke, Pembroke....	51.75	U.D.	Quebec Garrison, Quebec	33.57
129	The Rising Sun, Aurora..	50.75		Constitutions	4.75
133	Lebanon Forest, Exeter..	29.00		F. Richardson.....	14.80
134	Shawenagam, Three Rivers	26.25		John Dutton	3.00
135	St. Clair, Milton	75.25		A. DeGrassi.....	4.00
137	Pythagoras, Meaford....	44.00			
	Carried forward.....	\$4,508.11			\$5,068.68

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Tnos. B. Harris, Grand Secretary, in Account current with Grand Lodge.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
1863.	To Cash from F. Richardson.....\$ 14 80	
	" " John Dutton, D.D.G.M. 3 00	
	" " A. DeGrassi..... 4 00	
	" " Constitutions..... 4 75	
Dec. 31.—	" Lodges, as per above statement. 5,042 13	
1863.		
February	1—By Grand Treasurer,	\$200 00
"	" 17—"	125 59
March	" 5—"	746 55
"	" 31—"	76 00
April	" 11—"	72 50
"	" 13—"	60 00
"	" 18—"	53 00
"	" 24—"	151 00
"	" 30—"	63 00
May	" 15—"	56 00
"	" 27—"	104 00
June	" 6—"	108 00
"	" 17—"	86 00
"	" 29—"	136 00
"	" 30—"	288 66
"	" 30—"	1 00
July	" 17—"	1,085 00
"	" 31—"	85 00
August	" 14—"	85 27
September	" 19—"	127 45
"	" 30—"	87 75
October	" 20—"	62 00
"	" 29—"	65 00
November	" 6—"	172 00
"	" 14—"	71 85
"	" 25—"	84 00
December	" 16—"	81 25
"	" 26—"	111 75
"	" 31—"	330 74
"	" 31—"	292 32
		<hr/> \$5,068 68

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

For Certificates ..	\$1,266 00
" Dues	2,787 10
" Fees	816 50
" Dispensations	148 00
" Warrants	20 00
" Constitutions ..	31 08
	<u>\$5,068 68</u>

Audited and found correct, W. B. SIMPSON, P.B.G.P.

Dr.	THOMAS B. HARRIS, <i>Grand Secretary, in Account with</i> MASONIC ASYLUM FUND,	Cr.
1863.		
March.	To amount reported	\$ 1,360 75
"	" " Lodge No. 42	41 25
May	" " " 153	20 00
"	" " " 86	50 00
1864.		
February	" " " 68	16 00
		<u>\$1,488 00</u>
	To Balance on hand	\$16 00
	Memo.—No. 27, "Alma" Lodge, promised	50 00
		<u>\$1,488 00</u>

Audited, W. B. SIMPSON, *President B. of G.P.*

ASYLUM FUND.

Dr. Henry Groff, Grand Treasurer, in Aconut with the Grand Lodge of Canada F. and A. M. Cr.

1863.		\$	c.
Jan'y 1—	To Balance on hand, as per Account audited	1,232	75
Feb'y 16—	" received from Grand Secretary	128	00
May 27—	" " " " " " " "	111	25
Aug. 7—	" Interest on Deposit Receipts to date.	67	84
		<u>\$1,539</u>	<u>84</u>

SIMCOE, 31st December, 1863.
Audited 24th Feb., 1864.

MEMORANDUM of Gore Bank Deposit Receipts held by the Grand Treasurer.

1863.	Amount as reported on 31st December, 1862.....	\$6,500 00
	To which add as follows:	
February 4—No. 74—Simcoe Agency ..	.....	400 00
21—“ 102—	.....	200 00
May “	.....	200 00
1—“ 111—	.....	400 00
July “	.....	600 00
6—“ 121—	.....	600 00
August	.....	600 00
	Total.....	\$8,400 00
	Interest accrued to 31st December 1863.....	632 75
	Total of Deposit Receipts.....	\$9,032 75
	Add Cash on hand.....	\$ 467 51
	Middlesex Debentures.....	1,600 00
	Total Assets in Grand Treasurer's hands.....	\$11,160 26
	HENRY GROFF, Clerk, 1863.	

NOTE.—The Grand Secretary directs the attention of Lodges in arrears to the following abstract from the Audit Committee's Report, to the Board of General Purposes, at its meeting in February, 1863:—"The Grand Secretary also notify all Lodges which have neglected to make returns for twelve months, that the Law, as provided by the Constitution, will, in such case, be strictly enforced."

GENERAL

Br. The Grand Lodge of Canada of Free and Accepted Masons,

1863.		\$	cts.
March 7—	To paid order of President B. G. P., to J. Buntin & Co., \$14.43; Copp & Bro., \$1.90; W ^c Gillespy & Co., \$226.87; Thos. Myles, \$10.50; Haigh & Smiley, \$22.15; W.C. Chewett & Co., \$275.00, and J. Rordan, \$22.50.....	573	35
	" P. order, for Free Masons' Magazine, \$7.57; S. Gardiner, \$10.00; VanNorman, \$5.17; Board of General Purposes, \$12.00; Grand Secretary, \$14.71; Jno. Osborne, \$6.75; Jas. Foreman, \$12; amount G. Lodge, \$5.....	73	20
	" P. order, G. Sec. office, for incidental expenses ...	100	00
March 31—	" Grand Master's order for Printing.....	205	00
April 10—	" Grand Secretary for salary.....	250	00
May 30—	" J. & A. Boyce, for sundries, £2.12.8 stg.....	13	16
	" John Law & Sons, full dress, apron, jewell, &c., £10.10s. stg, for Rep. at G. L. of Scotland.....	52	50
	" G. M.'s order, for a sewing Machine for the widow of a deceased Brother.....	55	00
June 30—	" Grand Secretary, for salary... ..	250	00
	" Postages for Grand Treasurer, 6 months.....	1	12
Aug. 11—	" Grand Secretary, for office rent	30	00
	" P. order, for charity, by vote of Grand Lodge, to a member of Lodge, No. 124.....	50	00
	" Gillespy & Co. for printing.....	80	07
	" P. order, for Board of G. P., printing.....	6	50
	" Edgar & Melville, for a case of Drawers.. ..	10	00
	" P. order, for Tyling G. L., &c.....	16	00
	" " for printing and stationery.....	7	00
	" W. C. Chewett & Co., for certificates.....	110	00
	" J. Seymour, for printing amended Constitution...	35	00
	" Mrs. Ridout, for education of her son, vote of Grand Lodge	100	00
Sept. 30—	" Savage & Lyman, for testimonial to M.W. Br. Wilson	885	65
	" Grand Secretary, vote of Grand Lodge	200	00
	" P. order, for Free Masons' Magazine.....	10	25
October 3—	" Grand Master's order, for charity... ..	50	00
	" G. M.'s order, towards monument to late M. W. Bro. P. C. Tucker	50	00
Nov'r 12—	" Grand Secretary, for salary	300	00
Dec'r 12—	" A.J. Macdonell, for testimonial to M.W. Br. Stephens	140	00
Dec'r 31—	" Grand Secretaay, for salary.....	300	00
	" " for office rent	30	00
	" Bank of U. C. Com'n, for collecting interest on debentures on 30th June	96	
	" Postages for Grand Treasurer.....	85	
	Balance.....	8,867	51
		<hr/> \$12,853 12	

Audited, W. B. SIMPSON, *P. B. of G. P.*
 SIMCOE, 1st January, 1864.

E. E.

FUND.

in Account with Henry Groff, Grand Treasurer.

Cr.

1863.						\$	cts.
Jan'y	1—	By balance on hand, per account audited.....				7,272	44
Feb'ry	3—	" received from Grand Secretary.....				200	00
"	17—	" "				125	59
March	7—	" "				746	55
"	31—	deposited in Gore Bank by Grand Sec'y....				76	00
April	11—	" " " "				72	50
"	13—	" " " "				60	00
"	18—	" " " "				53	00
"	25—	" " " "				151	00
"	30—	" " " "				63	00
May	15—	" " " "				56	00
"	27—	" " " "				104	00
June	18—	" " " "				86	00
"	6—	" " " "				108	00
"	29—	" " " "				136	00
"	30—	" " " "				289	66
		6 months' interest on County Middlesex Debentures.				48	00
July	17—	deposited in Gore Bank by Grand Sec'y				1,085	00
"	30—	" " " "				85	00
Aug't	14—	" " " "				85	27
Sept'r	19—	" " " "				127	45
"	30—	" " " "				87	75
"	30—	amount at credit of the "Wilson Testimonial fund,"				416	00
Oct'r	20—	deposited in Gore Bank by Grand Sec'y ...				62	00
"	29—	" " " "				65	00
Nov'r	6—	" " " "				172	00
"	14—	" " " "				71	85
"	25—	" " " "				84	00
Dec'r	17—	" " " "				81	25
"	28—	" " " "				111	75
"	30—	" " " "				330	74
"	30—	" " " "				292	32
		6 months' interest of County of Middlesex Debentures				48	00

\$12,853 12

1864.—Jan'ry 1—By balance on hand, viz:

Gore Bank deposit receipts.....	\$8,400 00
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Cash in Grand Treasurer's hand	467	51
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\$8,867 51

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, RENDERED 24th JUNE, 1864.

Lodges Marked thus (*) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist : all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No.	LODGE.	WERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
—	* Antiquity Lodge....	Montreal.	First Thursday..... of every month.	W Br F C Dettmers.	Br. Wm Withey
1	*Prevost	Dunham.	Tuesday preceding full moon....	" Stevens Baker.	" John B Seymour
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.	Wednesday on or before full moon	" S J J Brown ..	" R G Warren
3	*St. John's	Kingston.	First Thursday.....	" A Kirkpatrick.	" H C Voigt
4	*Dorchester	St. Johns.	First Thursday	" I B Footvoy....	" James S Allen....
5	*Sussex	Brookville	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	" Thos Camm....	" Alex Stewart
6	Barton	Hamilton.	Second Wednesday.....	" B E Charlton ..	" Wm Edgar
7	Union.....	Grimsbv	Thursday on or before full moon.	" W F Biggar....	" T C Brownjohn
8	*Nelson	Phillipsburgh.	Thursday on or before full moon.	" C H Roberts..	" Geo W Parker
9	*Union	Napanee.....	Friday before full moon.....	" Ben C Davy....	" John Benson
10	*Norfolk	Simcoe.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.	" Juo Williamson	" Amos A Merrill
11	*Moira	Belleville.	Wednesday on or preceding full m.	" John C Franck	" E J Sisson
12	*Golden Rule.....	Stanstead ..	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" Elisha Gustin.	" David Wilkey
13	Western Light.....	Bolton	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Wm Gardhouse	" Thos C Starrett
14	*True Briton's.....	Perth.	First Monday.....	" John Stewart..	" A C Sinclair
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" Wm. H. Read.	" Wm T Boyd
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto	Second Tuesday.....	" James Bain....	" Ralph K Burgess
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Monday on or before full moon	" Wm H Weller.	" S Gibson
18	*Prince Edward's....	Pictou	Thursday on or preceding full m.	" Wm Smeaton..	" John Twigg
19	*St. George's.....	Montreal.	Third Tuesday.....	" R A Smith.....	" W L McKenzie
20	*St. John's	London	Second Tuesday	" J J McKenzie.	" M D Dawson
21	*Zetland	Montreal....	Second Thursday.....	" J H Isaacson..	" Isaac B Davis
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto	Second Thursday.....	" C W Bunting..	" J B McGann
23	*Richmond	Richmond Hill	Thursday on or before full moon.	" John White....	" W P Richmond
24	*St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls..	Friday on or before full moon....	" N Kingsmill ..	" Stewart Moag
25	*Ionic	Toronto	First Tuesday	" " "	" J K Kerr
26	*Ontario	Port Hope....	Third Thursday.....	" " "	" H V Sanders

Returns of Subordinate Lodges—Continued.

No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
61	*Acacia	Hamilton	Fourth Friday	W Br Wm Reid....	Br. Wm Brown
62	*St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.	Wednesday on or before full moon	" J B Holden....	" Mathew Howard
64	*Kilwinning	London	Third Thursday....	" John Wylie....	" Thos F McMullen
66	*Durham.....	Newcastle....	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" R J Wilkinson
67	*St. Francis.....	Richmond....	First Thursday.....	" Jno H Graham	" Wm E Jones
68	*St. John's.....	Ingersoll.	Thursday on or before full moon..	" W A Allison....	" H Hearn
69	Stirling	Stirling	Thursday after full moon.....	" Isaac Wolever..	" Geo W E Bull
71	*Victoria	Sherbrooke....	Second Tuesday.....	" E W Wiswell..	" C W Whitcher
72	Alma	Galt	Thursday on or after full moon...	" Otto Klotz....	" F Guggisberg
73	*St. James'.....	St. Mary's....	First Monday.....	" Jas Macfadden..	" T S Shortt
74	*St. James'.....	Maitland.....	Monday nearest full moon.....	" John Morey....	" Daniel Collins
75	St. John's	Toronto	First Monday.....	" Thos Gundry...	" Fred J Menet
76	*Oxford.....	Woodstock....	Second Wednesday.....	" Jordan Charles	" Edward Burke
77	*Faithful Brethren...	Oakwood.....	Wednesday before full moon....	" No returns.....	" Thos Beall
78	*King Hiram.....	Tilsenburgh ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Peter Taylor...	" N F Bjorck
79	Simcoe	Bradford.....	Thursday after full moon.....	" J W H Wilson..	" Benj Barnard
80	Albion	Newbury.....	First Tuesday.....	" Jas Thompson..	" Andrew Wilson
81	*St. John's.....	Delaware	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" Wm S Rodgers	" Geo Billington
82	St. John's.....	Paris	First Tuesday.....	" Henry Hart....	" A H Baird
83	Beaver	Strathroy	Friday on or after full moon.....	" T Richardson..	" Jno Lenfestey, Jr
84	*Clinton.....	Clinton.....	Wednesday on or after full moon.	" A R King.....	" T Evershed
85	Rising Sun.....	Farmersville..	Thursday nearest full moon.....	" Hugh Mackay..	" J E Cooper
86	*Wilson.....	Toronto.....	Third Tuesday.....	" R J Kimball...	" B Gilbert
87	Markham Union....	Markham	Friday on or before full moon....	" D McMurchy...	" James J Baker
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound..	Wednesday on or before full moon	" J W Parker....	" S L Parker
89	*King Hiram.....	Lindsay.....	First Tuesday.....	" John F Albro..	" Henry Gladman
90	*Manito	Collingwood..	Wednesday on or after full moon.	" H M Cleland..	" John Nettleton
91	*Colborne.	Colborne.	Friday on or before full moon....	" George Goslee..	" Addison Vars
92	Cataqui.....	Kingston.....	Second Wednesday.....	" Ben Steacy....	" J N Glidden

93	*Northern Light.	Kincardine.	Thursday after full moon	of every	month.	W Br W M McKibbin	Br. Wm A. Young
94	*St. Mark's	Port Stanley.	Second Tuesday	"	"	"	" J K Moore
95	Ridout	Otterville.	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	"	"	" Thomas Wright
96	*Corinthian	Barrie.	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	"	"	" Jas N Graham
97	*Sharon	Sharon	Tuesday on or before full moon.	"	"	"	" Wm Tilley
98	*True Blue	Albion	Friday on or before full moon.	"	"	"	" John Gilmour
99	*Tuscan	Newmarket ..	Second Wednesday	"	"	"	" E Jackson
100	Valley	Dundas	First Wednesday	"	"	"	" Alex Gartshore
101	*Corinth	Peterboro'.	Wednesday preceding full moon.	"	"	"	" Thomas White Jr
103	*Maple Leaf.	St. Catharines	Thursday on or after full moon.	"	"	"	" L S Oille
104	St. John's	Norwichville.	Wednesday after full moon.	"	"	"	" Ab'rm P Miller
105	St. Mark's	Drummondville	Tuesday on or before full moon.	"	"	"	" J Bartle
106	*Burford	Burford	Wednesday before full moon' ..	"	"	"	" C D Tufford
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	Second Wednesday	"	"	"	" O Burch
108	Blenheim	Drumbo	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	"	"	" James McKenzie
109	Albion	Sydenham	Tuesday after full moon	"	"	"	" John Crichton
110	*Central	Prescott.	Tuesday before full moon	"	"	"	" Richard L Marsh
111	*Morpeth	Morpeth.	Second Thursday	"	"	"	" Geo N Davis
112	Maitland	Goderich J.	Second Tuesday	"	"	"	" Leamon Beckner
113	*Wilson	Waterford	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	"	"	" John Bradley
114	*Hope	Port Hope.	First Thursday	"	"	"	" Robt Thompson
115	*Ivy	Smithville.	Tuesday on or after full moon.	"	"	"	" Wm Gattis
116	*Cassia	Widder	Monday on or before full moon.	"	"	"	" S H Cornell
117	*Stanbridge	Stanbridge	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	"	"	" A Armstrong Jr.
118	Union	Lloydstown.	Monday on or before full moon.	"	"	"	" J E Cooper
119	*Maple Leaf.	Bath	Monday before full moon	"	"	"	" Geo Penwarden
120	Warren	Fingal	Second Thursday	"	"	"	" J P Excell
121	*Doric	Branford	Friday on or preceding full moon.	"	"	"	" Ben Freer
122	*Renfrew	Renfrew.	Tuesday nearest full moon	"	"	"	" J P Thomas
123	*The Belleville ..	Belleville.	First Thursday	"	"	"	" Wm H Hall
124	*Montreal Kilwinning	Montreal.	Second Monday	"	"	"	" Charles Poole
125	*Cornwall	Cornwall.	Monday on or after full moon ..	"	"	"	" Jacob F Pringle

Returns of Subordinate Lodges—Continued.

No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
126	*Golden Rule.....	Campbellsford.	Tuesday after full moon.....of every month.	W Br J Dinwoodie, jr	Br. James Archer
127	*Frank.....	Frankford.....	Monday before full moon.....	" Geo S Graham	" Gordon Terry
128	*Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	Tuesday before full moon.....	" Jas P Moffatt.	" Samuel Mitchell
129	*The Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	Friday on or after full moon.....	" Geo L Graham	" William Willis
130	*Yamaska.....	Granby.....	Wednesday before full moon.....	" J G Whitcomb	" G E McIndoe
131	*St. Lawrence.....	Southampton..	Second Tuesday.....	" Jno Eastwood.	" Wm Smith
133	*Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	Monday on or before full moon..	" Thos Gidley ..	" H A Smith
134	*Shawenegam.....	Three Rivers..	Second Wednesday.....	" Jas Reynar ..	" J L Paldi
135	*St. Clair.....	Milton.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	" Robt Matheson	" Wm Pantoun
136	*Richardson.....	Cashel.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" J Stephinsson .	" P Sennett
137	*Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	Friday on or after full moon.....	" J G Sinclair ..	" James Cleland
138	*Aylmer.....	Aylmer, C E..	Second Tuesday.....	" L R Church....	" W C Clark
139	*Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	Second Tuesday.....	" S B Fairbanks	" Carlton Warren
140	*Malahide.....	Aylmer, C W.	Wednesday on or after full moon.	" Thos M Nairn..	" Geo R Wood
141	*Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	Tuesday on or before full moon .	" T Matheson....	" J M Dunsmore
142	*Excelsior.....	Morrisburgh..	Thursday on or before full moon .	" J Montgomery	" F B Carman
143	*Friendly Brothers...	Iroquois.....	Wednesday before full moon....	" J Stephenson..	" John N Tuttle
144	*Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	" Chas Kahn....	" J A McCulloch
145	J B Hall.....	Mill Brook....	Second Thursday.....	" Wm Turner....	" M N Miller
146	*Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	Wednesday before full moon.....	" Jno M Horsey	" Chas E Field
147	*Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	Friday on or before full moon.....	" Jno Menzes....	" Jas H Rowan
148	*Civil Service.....	Seat of Gov't..	Second Tuesday.....	" Ed C Hayden..	" Wm Inman
149	*Erie.....	Port Dover....	Monday on or before full moon...	" Peter Lawson..	" Roland P Capel
150	*Hastings.....	Hastings.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	" Jas S Fowlds..	" Isaac G Bean
151	*The Grand River ..	Berlin.....	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" W D Perine ..	" Robt Macfie....
152	*Clarenceville.....	Clarenceville..	Third Thursday.....	" Robt Macfie....	" Chas E Lynam
153	*Burns.....	Wyoming.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	" Wm Given....	"

154	* Irving.....	Lucan.....	Thursday on or before full moon	W	Br Wm. Porte...	Br Robt Fox
155	* Peterborough.....	Peterboro'.....	First Friday.....	"	Geo Burnham.	" J J Christie
156	* York.....	Eglinton.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	Joseph Jackes.	" Joseph J Davis
157	Simpson.....	Delta.....	Tuesday on or after full moon...	"	Hugh Mackay	" Henry Brown
158	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs...	Thursday on or after full moon..	"	Geo S Jarvis..	"
159	Goodwood.....	Richmond, GW	First Tuesday.....	"	Chas B Pettit.	"
160	Quebec Garrison.....	Quebec.....	Second Saturday.....	"	I Humphries..	"
161	Percy.....	Warkworth...	Wednesday before full moon...	"	A Worthington	" A Landers
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	Wednesday after full moon	"	David Browne.	"
163	Browne.....	Adamsville...	Friday on or before full moon....	"	Donald Ross..	"
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington...	Tuesday on or before full moon...	"	Francis Baker.	"
165	Burlington.....	Wellington Sqr	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	Walter Mackay	" E M McMillan
166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.	Monday on or before full moon...	"		

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" "	David Curtis,	Wilson "
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" "	Lawrence H Henderson,	Pr. Edward "
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" "	Robert A Smith,	Montreal "
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" "	Richard Pope,	Quebec "
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" "	Rev. Vincent Clementi, Grand Chaplain	
" "	Henry Groff, Grand Treasurer	
" "	Charles D Macdonnell, Grand Registrar	
" "	Thomas B Harris, Grand Secretary	
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" "	George S Jarvis, Grand Junior Deacon	
" "	Frederick J Rastrick, Grand Superintendent of Works	
" "	John W Murton, Grand Director of Ceremonies	
" "	Thomas McCracken, Assistant Grand Secretary	
" "	James Bain, Grand Sword Bearer	
" "	A B Parmelee, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	
" "	Henry Carlisle, Grand Organist	
" "	Robert Leslie, Assistant Grand Organist	
" "	Stanislaus Blondheim, Grand Pursuivant	
" "	W W Summers, Grand Tyler	
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" " "	"	" St Domingo "
" " "	A Bernard,	" Vermont "
R " "	Thomas B Harris,	" Kansas "
" " "	John Hamilton Graham	" Maine "
" " "	James A Henderson,	" New York, "
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" " "	Michael Furnell,	" at the G L of Ireland
" " "	Lindsay Mackersy,	" " " Scotand
" " "	"	" " " Vermont
" " "	Wm Pitt Preble,	" " " Maine
" " "	Henry W Turner,	" " " New York
" " "	Horner A Johnson,	" " " Illinois
" " "	Jacinto de Castro,	" " " St Domingo

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Florida	John B. Taylor	Tallahassee
Georgia	Simri Rose	Macon
Illinois	H. G. Reynolds	Springfield
Indiana	Francis King	Indianapolis
Iowa	Theo. S. Parvin	Iowa City
Kansas	E. T. Carr	Ft. Leavenworth
Kentucky	Philip Swigert	Frankfort
Louisiana	Samuel M. Todd	New Orleans
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy ..	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Charles W. Moore ..	Boston
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Mississippi	R. W. T. Daniel	Jackson
Missouri	A. O'Sullivan	St. Louis
Nebraska	S. D. Bangs	Bellevue
New York	James M. Austin	New York
New Jersey	James H. Hough ..	Trenton
New Hampshire	Horace Chase	Hopkinton
North Carolina	W. T. Bain	Raleigh
Ohio	John D. Caldwell ..	Cincinnati
Oregon	W. S. Caldwell	Portland
Pennsylvania	Wm. H. Adams	Philadelphia
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South Carolina	A. G. Mackey	Charleston
Tennessee	Charles A. Fuller ...	Nashville
Texas	A. S. Ruthven	Galveston
Virginia	John Dove	Richmond
Vermont	Henry Clark	Poulnsey
Wisconsin	W. T. Palmer	Milwaukee
Washington Territory ..	T. F. McElroy	Olympia
P. G. S. Nova Scotia ..	C. D. Twining	Halifax

AT REST.

NAMES.	No.	LODGE.	DATE.
Louis Bordean	1	Prevost	August.....1863
William Anderson.....	4	Dorchester	March 30.....1864
George William Powell.....	10	Norfolk	March 30.....1864
Andrew W. Henderson.....	15	St. George's.....	December 9.....1863
E. S. Adams	15	"	December 24.....1863
A. H. Coulson.....	16	St. Andrew's	January 20.....1864
Robert Colquhoun.....	16	" .....	.....1864
Henry S. Rowsell.....	16	"	January 13.....1864
William Weller.....	17	St. John's	September 21.....1863
James B. Fortune.....	17	" .....	.....1864
William Rowland	18	Prince Edward's.....	May 1.....1864
John Soles	24	St Francis.....	September 27.....1863
Harvey F. Chisholm.....	26	Ontario .....	.....1863
Samuel Pollard.....	30	Composite.....	February 1.....1863
Hugh McBrian.....	30	"	September.....1860
George Pyles.....	32	Amity.....	March 1.....1864
James W. Dingwall.....	40	St. John's	February 24.....1863
John Nutson	41	St. George's.....	February 22.....1863
John Lindsay	49	Harington.....	September 9.....1863
William Johnson.....	50	Consecon.....	January 2.....1863
Zenas Reynolds	58	Shefford.....	April 23.....1864
E. H. Buchè	56	Victoria.....	.....1863
J. E. Cole.....	59	Corinthian	December 12.....1863
George Edward Aird.....	59	"	May 26.....1864
Harmon E. Fisher.....	63	Simcoe	March.....1861
Joseph Edroy Ryerson	63	"	August 12.....1863
Thomas D. Lerard	64	Kilwinning.....	November 3.....1863
Joseph Brock	66	Durham.....	April 29.....1864
John McGuire.....	66	" .....	.....1863
Charles John Charlton.....	70	King.....	December 4.....1863
William Garvey.....	74	St. James	December 12.....1863
W. F. Newton.....	75	St. John's	July 20.....1863
C. R. Christie	75	"	January 22.....1864
John Ross.....	76	Oxford	October 28.....1863
William Bearpark.....	78	King Hiram	February 5.....1864
Thomas Smith	81	St. John's	February 6.....1864
Hugh Fraser, Senr.....	83	Beaver.....	March 16.....1864
Richard Brown.....	83	"	January 22.....1864
William B. Burgess.....	94	St. Mark's.....	June 5.....1862
Charles Bourne Chambers.....	96	Corinthian	May 19.....1863
H. B. Hopkins.....	96	"	June 15.....1864
Joseph Ross.....	99	Tuscan	December 4.....1863
William Read.....	103	Maple Leaf	August 30.....1863
L. Wertheimer.....	103	"	[Drowned.] Spring of 1863
Jira Skinner.....	106	Burford	June 24.....1863
A. C. Robertson.....	112	Maitland	[Drowned.]
Stephen Kneeshaw	112	"	April.....1864
John Boyd.....	113	Wilson	[Drowned.]
Richard Bell	116	Cassia	May 19.....1864
Edward Rykerd.....	117	Stanbridge	June 26.....1864
Henry McCabe	118	Union.....	.....1863
John Nugent	119	Maple Leaf	November 20.....1863
William Harris.....	120	Warren	July 29.....1863
Coughlin Lumley.....	120	"	September 7.....1863
William Henry Gibson	128	Pembroke.....	January 11.....1864
Francis Hamburg	135	St. Clair.....	January 16.....1863
Isaac Bowman	186	Richardson.....	June 25.....1863
John Dixon.....	136	"	March 18.....1864
J. D. C. Wood	142	Excelsior	September 12.....1863
John Coulthart.....	143	Friendly Brothers .....	.....1863
Duncan Campbell	147	Mississippi	December 16.....1863
Geo. Ford	149	Erie.....	January.....1864
William E. Sanborn	153	Burns.....	October 30.....1863
Edmund White.....	158	Alexandra	August 26.....1863
George W. Jeffry.....	7	Friendship, Rhode Island	March 21.....1864

Suspensions—Unmasonic Conduct.

No. 30, Composite Lodge, Whitby.

William H. Tremayne.

No. 38, Trent Lodge, Trenton.

Wm. H. Alley.

No. 50, Consecon Lodge, Consecon.

Robert Pye.

No. 69, Stirling Lodge, Stirling.

William Baker.

No. 106, Burford Lodge, Burford.

W. M. Whitehead, (appealed.)

No. 108, Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo.

Alexander Murray.

No. 117, Stanbridge Lodge, Stanbridge.

Joseph Rhicard.

No. 124, Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal.

John Taylor Standing, Edward Robinson.

No. 135, St. Clair Lodge, Milton.

George Edward Goodson.

No. 136, Richardson Lodge, Cashel,

A. Reed.

No. 140, Malahide Lodge, Aylmer, C. W.

James Buchanan.

Suspensions—Non-Payment of Dues.

No. 3, St. John's Lodge, Kingston.

Joel P. Milliner, Robt. John Foster, Edward Strong.

No. 5, Sussex Lodge, Brockville.

William Manuel.

No. 6, Barton Lodge, Hamilton.

William Applegarth, Richard W. Thorn, William Burness, Thomas Rolston,
William A. Fergusson.

No. 9, Union Lodge, Napanee.

Jeheil D. Roblin, John McCoy, Franklin Seldon.

No. 10, Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe.

Robt. N. Wilson, Henry Ongly, Philip T. Worthington.

No. 12, Golden Rule Lodge, Stanstead.

W. W. Jenness.

No. 15, St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines.

Wm. Brown, J. W. Miles, Thos. H. Towers, Alex. Lawson, Stephen Jones, Leamon Hoffer, E. W. Stephenson, Robt. Griffis, Wm. N. Hutt, J. Rollisson, C. Read, C. H. Powell, D. N. Broderich, N. M. Samson, James Brown, John Tobin, Hugh Murray.

No. 16, St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.

William Tuton Thomas, Robt. Dillon, C. M. Gibson, J. B. Heliwell, John H. Paterson.

No. 20, St. John's Lodge, London.

W. P. Wilson, W. T. Erith, Peter Cumerford, Geo. H. Denison, John Symmonds, John Magee, Patrick O'Neil, F. B. Beddome, Mark Burgess, Joshua N. McKay.

No. 21, Zetland Lodge, Montreal.

James Alexander, Edward Sedley, Ovide St. Marie, O. S. Budden, Charles W. Craddock.

No. 23, Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill.

E. Chamberlin, Adam Hendrick.

No. 24, St. Francis Lodge, Smith's Falls.

Thomas Storey.

No. 25, Ionic Lodge, Toronto.

W. G. Thompson, Arthur Briston, E. Roby O'Brien, James C. Small, C. E. Knowlys, C. H. Greene.

No. 28, Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptville.

Wm. F. Dickinson, Isaac Proctor, Isaac A. Jackson, Abraham Knopp, Jared Shaver, Ezra Clothier.

No. 30, Composite Lodge, Whitby.

Alex. Pringle, Geo. H. Dartnell, Charles Nowrse, Geo. Young Smith, W. H. Doel, E. P. Hubbard, John Billings, George Wallace, I. O. Dorman, William McCullough, R. J. Wilson, R. J. Gunn, Wm. Warren, Nelson Chapman, John S. Sprowle, Eli Leavens, David Spalding, James Draper.

No. 31, Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville.

M. S. Fairchild, L. M. Squires, Henry R. Reid.

No. 34, Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg.

R. F. Reynolds, Charles J. Fortier, David McCormack, Charles Pastoras, Peter Logan, William Williams, William Horn, George Brown, George Gott, Thomas H. Brush, John Gostage, John S. Miller, William Hedley, Walter Lambert.

No. 37, King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll.

Charles H. Brown.

No. 42, St. George's Lodge, London.

Andrew Chisholm, Thomas Mackie.

No. 43, King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock.

J. S. Matheson, William Dent.

No. 45, Brant Lodge, Brantford.

George S. Wilkes, Abraham Kerby, Benjamin Hoste Church,
H. H. Tidball, A. L. Wilson.

No. 48, Madoc Lodge, Madoc.

William Ray, Isaiah Clarke, John Bull, Richard Squires, Andrew Rikeby,
Simon McKenzie, Andrew Gunsolus, Charles Gream, Seneca Rider.

No. 49, Harington Lodge, Quebec.

James Kealey, Jean Lord, William H. Alexander, Thomas Craig,
G. Rainere, A. Peebles.

No. 54, Vaughan Lodge, Maple.

William Cradock, Sylvester Richmond, Jacob Atkinson, H. N. Church,
Charles Robinson.

No. 62, St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia.

Joseph B. Choate, William Wier.

No. 63, Simcoe Lodge, Simcoe.

William Hardy, M. H. Foley, Jasan Kellum, D. Collver, William Grison,
George W. Hotchkiss.

No. 64, Kilwinning Lodge, London.

John Wanless, J. Morris, A. E. Goodrich, N. Smith, C. L. Davis, Daniel
Duggan, S. A. Walling, William Pickard, D. McDonald, William Muir,
F. Wolferston Thomas.

No. 68, St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll.

John Barr, Robert Cameron, E. B. Waite.

No. 69, Stirling Lodge, Stirling

John W. Roberts.

No. 71, Victoria, Lodge, Sherbrooke.

Octave Tonguay.

No. 72, Alma Lodge, Galt.

William Jaffray, Robert F. Boucher.

No. 75, St. John's Lodge, Toronto.

A. McNair, Charles Cammidge.

No. 76, Oxford Lodge, Woodstock.

Charles Iles, Merritt Fuller, F. Bell, Henry Smith.

No. 78, King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburg.

John Langrel, William West, Charles M. Ford, J. M. Tilloon, John Berwell
Jacob Glover, A. J. Foote, Jno. B. Lucas, Joseph Witthrow, William
C. Darrow, John M. Ault, Lachlen McLean, Thomas Harris.

No. 81, St. John's Lodge, Delaware.

Thomas Smith.

No. 86, Wilson Lodge, Toronto.

William Steers, George R. Gregg, Frederick M. Upton, James Pelan.

No. 90, Manito Lodge, Collingwood.

William Darley Pollard.

No. 91, Colborne Lodge, Colborne.

Richard N. Howell.

No. 93, Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine.

John Bruce, Edward Thornhill, William Hawkins.

No. 95, Ridout Lodge, Otterville.

Leopold Leob, Richard Forman.

No. 96, Corinthian Lodge, Barrie.

James Houston, J. Ardagh, W. P. Morisson, Wm. Wells, J. W. Hornsby.

No. 108, Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo.

John S. Morrison, John P. Bastendorff, Allen W. Sheck.

No. 110, Central Lodge, Prescott.

George Twomley William Smith Northrup, William Henry Smith.

No. 112, Maitland Lodge, Goderich.

Benjamin Hazlehurst, Henry T. Pell. Alexander McKid, Robert Parke,
John Kay, John S. Wallace, Henry McCutcheon.

No. 113, Wilson Lodge, Waterford.

W. G. Walker, Richard Wren, Jeremiah W. Giff, Joseph W. Wright.

No. 114, Hope Lodge, Port Hope,

A. W. Sims.

No. 124, Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal.

Alexander M. Ross, William Harper, David M. Macpherson,
Rollo Campbell, Otto Mevis, Peter C. Moir, Wm. Begg,
Ignace Beak, George J. Kenneday.

No. 125, Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall.

William McGillivray, John McKenzie, John C. Walton.

No. 126, Golden Rule Lodge, Campbellsford.

Richard G. Clute, John Powers, Charles Wiggins.

No. 127, Franck Lodge, Frankford.

J. B. Young, R. R. Clute, David Wannamaker, Scott Marshall.

No. 129, The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora.

Robert Hillary, William Chesley, Albert E. Kennedy, Robert Rush,
Robert Walker, Patrick McDonald, Thomas S. Francis, Andrew M. Hood.

No. 131, St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton.

Robert Gilmour, John Valentine, W. J. Scott, James Hilbert.

No. 134, Shawenagam Lodge, Three Rivers.

George H. Macaulay, Edward Lyon, John Lindsay, William A. Starnes,
Adolphus M. Hart.

No. 137, Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford.

A. W. Corby.

No. 144, Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford.

John H. Hull.

Restorations.

No. 6 Barton Lodge, Hamilton,

George C. Briggs.

No. 22, King Solomon Lodge, Toronto,

Charles Pollock, Stedman B. Campbell.

No. 25, Ionic Lodge, Toronto.

Robert Mitchell.

No. 27, Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton

John H. Greer, William F. Murray.

No. 29, United Lodge, Brighton,

James A. Chisholm.

No. 34, Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg,

William Morrow, Brice Sample, Joseph Tayler.

No. 36, Welland Lodge, Fonthill.

Samuel C. Howey.

No. 37, King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll,

Theophilus Poole.

No. 41, St. George's Lodge, Kingsville.

Henry Price,

No. 50 Consecon Lodge, Consecon,

James Patterson,

No. 51, Corinthian Lodge, Grahamville,

Thomas John Burrell,

No. 52, Wellington Lodge, Dunnville,

John J. Montague.

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James Bowman,

No. 59, Corinthian Lodge, Ottawa.

Robert Hunter.

No. 62, St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia.

William Wier, William Jackson, John Palmer, Wm. R. Smart, Robt. G. Pole.

No. 63, St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll.

Thomson McCleary.

No. 69, Stirling Lodge, Stirling.

Horatio Nelson Todman.

No. 72, Alma Lodge, Galt.

Thomas Foxley, Philip Bish.

No. 73, St. James Lodge, St. Mary's.

Frank C. Draper.

No. 78, King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburgh.

John R. Birch.

No. 80, Albion Lodge, Newbury.

William S. More.

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Thomas Smith.

No. 86, Wilson Lodge, Toronto.

James E. Smith.

No. 98, True Blue Lodge, Albion.

William Graham.

No. 105, St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville.

John Braken.

No. 106, Burford Lodge, Burford.

Thomas Cahill.

No. 110, Central Lodge, Prescott.

George Twomley.

No. 121, Doric Lodge, Brantford.

William Henry Sutton.

No. 124, Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal.

David M. Macpherson, W. P. Smith.

(Erroneously placed in the proceedings of 1863, "*At Rest.*")

No. 137, Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford.

W. F. Livingston.

EXPULSION BY THE GRAND LODGE.



**GUSTAVUS R. JARVIS, "Tudor" Lodge, No. 141,
MITCHELL.**

APPENDIX.

DECISION ON THE CASE OF BROTHER S. B. CAMPBELL.

The final adjustment of this unpleasant case having been thrown upon me by Grand Lodge, (see proceedings of 1863, p. 389), and Brother S. B. Campbell having appealed for relief and restoration to his Masonic privileges, I conceive it to be my clear and undoubted duty to examine into the premises from the very commencement, viz: The trial before the Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto, upon which the subsequent action of Grand Lodge was founded.

I have carefully fulfilled the task I have allotted to myself, and without reference to, or pronouncing upon the innocence or guilt of Brother Campbell, or entering into the merits of the case, and the manner of conducting the trial, I am constrained to declare judicially, that the finding and sentence are irregular and illegal, because the official documents furnished to Grand Lodge, show that Brother Campbell was tried upon twelve specific written charges detailed therein at length (not one, however, of which bears the signature of his accuser, an omission fatal to their validity); that he formally defended himself against those twelve charges; that his accuser was improperly permitted to put in a very lengthy reply in writing, commenting on those defined charges and the defence, and introducing new matter; that the Master of Wilson Lodge neglected to enter into a recapitulation of the charges, with the evidence in favor, and defence made against them; that he did not submit *them* to his Lodge consecutively, *or even at all*, but substituted three counts, or questions, of his own composition, and the Lodge thereupon declared Bro. Campbell guilty of three several offences, embraced in the Master's propositions—for which he was not put on trial—and passed an illegal sentence on the accused, to wit: That he should be permanently excluded from all Masonic privileges. Being equivalent to expulsion from the Order—a power which no Subordinate Lodge can exercise.

Thus Brother Campbell was tried on and for twelve definite offences, as to which he was declared neither innocent nor guilty, and was found guilty of and sentenced to be punished upon three questions, submitted by the Master's will and embodying offences for which he was *not specifically put on trial at all*. The trial is

therefore a nullity, and, as a necessary sequence, the *action of Grand Lodge* had thereon (*see proceedings of 1861, p. 240*) becomes null and void altogether, and Brother S. B. Campbell's Masonic standing is, as though it had never been lawfully placed in abeyance, and he had never been pronounced to be not in good standing.

I subjoin a *memorandum of remarks* which have suggested themselves to me, and are a consequence of the earnest attention I have given to this case.

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Grand Master, G. L. of Canada.

REMARKS ON BRO. S. B. CAMPBELL'S CASE.

1. On receipt of the charges against this Brother, instead of following the simple course laid down by the Constitution (*Of Private Lodges, Article 22*), the Master applied to the D. D. Grand Master, and, by advice, appointed a Committee of five named members of Wilson Lodge to make enquiry and report.—The D. D. G. M. should have declined all such informal communications, inasmuch as *he is subject to appeal by the accused*, and should know nothing beforehand. This Committee, every member of which would have to sit in judgment when the trial came on, could not possibly act as unprejudiced judges. Brother Campbell does not seem to have heard of this Committee, and have been present at its proceedings, and, even if their report had been adverse to the accused, it could not have interfered with his right to have the charges investigated by his Lodge.

2. The charges are preferred at a Regular Communication, (Nov. 20, 1860), but not before St. John's Day are they read to the Lodge, and a copy ordered to be sent to the accused, accompanied by a notice of the time appointed for investigation. This is fixed for the Regular Meeting (January 15, 1861.) This date is passed over without explanation, and the trial is opened at an Emergent Meeting (January 16) for which no legal summons could have been issued, (*of Private Lodges, Art. 7*). The same illegality applies to a resumption of the trial had on the (17th January) next day—a lapse of only 24 hours. I can find no copy of the summons issued for a third Emergency (Feb. 13, 1861) at which the trial was concluded, it is said at 12.30, p.m., but really at 0.30, a.m., of the 14th—*another day*. It is not stated directly at any one of these meetings that accuser and accused are present.

3. The charges, 12 in number, are *not signed* by the *accuser*, Brother Bostwick. He appears to be only personally aggrieved

by No. 1. This relates to an unpaid pecuniary loan, having nothing to do with Free Masonry. If every Brother, who is reduced to borrow, is to be tried by his Lodge, very few would escape. The non-payment, if intentional, is of course inexcusable. Charges Nos. 2 to 11, relate to money borrowed, or dishonest pecuniary transactions, by which several individuals are made to suffer. They are preferred by Brother Bostwick, but he does not produce any evidence showing his right to act for the aggrieved parties, or a desire on their part to prosecute and punish the accused. Some do, indeed, attend, others manifest reluctance, though urged to be present, and instead of personal evidence, written and hearsay testimony is allowed to be tendered, and the accused has no opportunity to cross-examine, &c., being thereby deprived of an undoubted and very important right. In regard to *charge* 2, hearsay evidence was admitted on the part of Brother John Paterson, who has a direct personal money interest in convicting the offender. His testimony should have been rejected. Brother Paterson makes the extraordinary admission that the aggrieved party (Brother Button) objected to attend, as he had business pending and did not wish to have trouble with Brother Campbell, &c. Other cases appear to have been brought up in *another Lodge*, but allowed to drop. One (*charge*) relates to a Brother Moore, who instituted a suit at law, and obtained a judgment against the accused, then (what he calls) supplemented this by Masonic action. (*This is very like trying a man twice over.*) On being cross-examined, Brother Moore says he has a judgment against Brother Campbell, and also *security in his hands*.—What, consequently, had the Lodge to do with the matter?—(*charge* No. 4). Even this very serious case the aggrieved party (Brother Butters) brought before another Lodge, but declined to follow it up—he took legal measures against another member of Brother Campbell's family, and he actually says, that “*Since the transaction Brother Campbell has acted as his Solicitor.*” Neither charges Nos. 4 nor 5 state *when* the offences were perpetrated as they should do. *Charges* Nos. 6, 7 and 8 show a very bad state of things, and, if true, amount to grossly dishonest and dishonorable conduct on the part of the accused; but *Brother Dempsey*, to whom they relate, testifies that, by his partner, he had recourse to the Court of Chancery to retrieve his loss, and these three charges are intimately mixed up with legal proceedings. There is very much the appearance of trying a man in *two courts* for *one crime*. After these charges are disposed of the accuser is very improperly allowed to make random assertions against the accused, without attempting to substantiate by proof. Such general kind of assertion being of course not legal, but tending to prejudice the case, and influence the final verdict. *Charges* 9 and 10 are very loosely conducted—*no witnesses present*

themselves. *Charge 11* is made on a letter from Quebec, written by Brother D. Morrison, but so carelessly introduced that it does not show in the evidence, to whom it was written, and there is one great inconsistency in it—the money is said to have been obtained from the writer *shortly after his initiation*, he promising repayment on the word of a *Royal Arch Mason*! As no witnesses present themselves to substantiate *Charges Nos. 9 and 10*, a very extraordinary and illegal arrangement is made, viz : The *Master*, *accuser* and *accused* are to visit the Brethren named as aggrieved and take their evidence in writing. The accused, in sanctioning such a course, showed rather a confidence in his innocence, than fear of guilt; nevertheless such evidence is not receivable—no Master has power to act thus officially out of his Lodge. *Charge No. 12* is connected with the pledging and exposure of a Jewel, belonging to Brother Campbell, as a *Grand Lodge Officer*. Even if this was not positively denied, the matter is not one for a subordinate Lodge, but should have been reported to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

4. Brother Campbell's defence, beyond being read, and inserted in the proceedings, has evidently received no consideration, and, at the close of the trial, the Master made not the most distant allusion to it. But—what is illegal and grossly unjust,—it was evidently suffered to be taken out of the Lodge, and be in the hands of the accuser for nearly *two weeks*! which last is permitted to put in a very lengthy *written* reply, not only commenting upon the original charges, but introducing much *new matter*. The accuser has the right only to a brief *verbal* reply to the defence, and that should be entirely explanatory. I am astonished that any Master should forget his position so far, as to permit so irregular and unjust a document to be presented to his Lodge, to form part of the *official* documents. Of this *written reply*, the accused very rightly demanded a *copy*, but was *refused*, being told that he might copy it himself if he choose, thus adding to previous injustice.

5. This brings me to the close of the trial, and the sentence, and I record, with these remarks, *my decision* thereon. Both became nullities as I have ruled. (see page 1) It is remarkable that even *Charge No. 12*, which is of a specially different nature to the other eleven is preferred in *one* way by the *accuser*, and submitted to the Lodge by the *Master* in *another*. *Accuser charges* that "Brother Campbell brought great scandal upon Masonry by neglecting to redeem within the prescribed and promised time his Grand Lodge Jewel, which he had pledged, &c." The *Master submits*, "Is Brother Stedman B. Campbell guilty of bringing great scandal upon Masonry by pledging his Grand Lodge Jewel, &c," I point out this discrepancy to show what care

should be taken. Here the *indictment* is for neglecting to redeem, &c., but the *sentence* is *passed for pledging*.

6. The proceedings were reported to Grand Lodge, accompanied by *evidence papers*, comprising "*Extracts*" of *Minutes*, and *Correspondence*. I have no doubt that a "*copy*" of the *Minutes* should have been furnished. I refer to the *Grand Lodge Proceedings* of 1861; and it is clear, that bad and dishonest as the accused is said to be, and necessary as his Lodge declares his expulsion from the Craft to be, that the necessity is not endorsed. At *Page 157*, the D. D. G. Master reports that he impressed upon the master to endeavor to *have the matter privately adjusted* if possible. At *Page 240* I find the Committee, to whom an appeal from Brother Campbell against the action of his Lodge was referred, recommending that, on complying with certain conditions, the accused "*shall be restored to his former standing in the Craft*," which would have the effect of bringing him into *full Masonic Communion again* with his Lodge and every member thereof.

7. Grand Lodge, by its Committee, excluded the accused from all privileges of Free Masonry for the space of two years, to be then restored to standing on certain conditions, as I have already said, but failing to comply with these, "*to be expelled from the Craft without any further action* being required by this Grand Lodge." Grand Lodge violated its own laws in passing this last clause. The Constitution (*The Grand Lodge, Art. 20*) declares that "*No Brother shall be expelled until he shall have been summoned to show cause, in the Grand Lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced, &c.*" Who was to enforce the sentence at the *end of the two years*, (even supposing that the trial, verdict and sentence of the accused and Lodge were legal, instead of the very reverse, as I have ruled) without any further action of Grand Lodge, when the Constitution, (*The Grand Lodge, Art. 20*) enacts—"But in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of expelling Brethren from the Craft, a power which it ought not to delegate to any subordinate authority."—Had the accused made appeal to me *in Grand Lodge*, I should have declared this, and also that Grand Lodge had virtually nullified its act, which could not possibly be carried out.

And now, having weighed the technical objections to Brother Campbell's trial, and sentence, &c., and his deprivation of his Masonic privileges and standing in the Craft, let me record what can be said in his favor:—

In July, 1863, the two years' grace having expired, I read in Grand Lodge a letter from Brother Campbell, stating, among

other things, that since his suspension he had paid over \$900 of his indebtedness, and would have all wiped off but for domestic afflictions, which caused him increased expenditure of money.—*No one* in Grand Lodge *disputed* this, and therefore it must be looked upon as truth. In that letter an extension of time—six months—is asked for, but Grand Lodge neither *enforced* her previous *sentence*, nor *noticed* the *request* of the accused, but left to me and my final decision the whole matter. There was nothing to have prevented my restoring him *then* and *there*, but I felt, that however irregularly, he was righteously subjected to punishment, and for eight months more I have kept that punishment over his head of my own will. Then (March, 1864) I received a letter from Brother Campbell, accompanied by written requests from certain Brethren, *all* represented at his trial, to be *sufferers* by him, viz :—RILEY, LEARNED, BUTTERS, SMITH, MOORE and BUTTON—asking me to *re-instate him*, and *restore him to good standing* in the Craft. Accompanying these I find a letter also from a Mr. Doyle, Barrister of Toronto, certifying that the family property of the accused has been sold by Chancery decree, and the proceeds applied to the liquidation of Brother DEMPSEY'S claim ; and Mr. HENRY HOGBEN writes, denying positively that the Grand Lodge Jewel mentioned ever was publicly exposed in his Saloon as stated, and certifying that Brother Campbell had honorably repaid him the loan contracted. I have a clear right to accord to the accused the full benefit of these documents ; more particularly when they embrace *every sufferer* named in the *charges* preferred against him, with the exception of Brothers Bostwick and Morrison (to whom I have made special reference under *Remarks No. 3*), and Arthurs, who makes no complaint, and whose name is only casually brought in, with no attempt at proof, by the accuser in a general way. I confess I am struck by the submission paid by Brother Campbell to the decree of his Brethren, when as a professional man, he must have seen irregularity, and might have disputed and protested against the validity of even the Grand Lodge sentence, not to speak of his trial, and which protest would have been allowed by me in his favor. I have regarded his long Masonic services and standing. I know him to be capable of evincing generous feelings, and a readiness to oblige—and I cannot help thinking, that his *good* qualities were apparent to others,—for by referring to *Grand Lodge* and *Grand Chapter Records*, I discover as follows :—

In 1857, 1858, 1859, and 1860, he held office in the Grand Lodge, and represented his Lodge as a Warden and Pastmaster. In Grand Chapter also he held office for the same years, and represented his Chapter as its *First Principal Z*, at the last date. Thus, though his offences were known, and, if my memory serves

me right, much commented upon for some time before his trial, they appear to have offered no bar during the intervening interval, to his holding the highest office in a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch to which his companions could elect him—to his accuser and some of his present judges concurring in that election—and to others of them being exalted to that Supreme Degree by him. I am *obliged* to give *weight* to all these facts, and feeling the full force of the Masonic principle, that it is infinitely better to save than to destroy a man, I have thought proper to announce his restoration to him myself, adding at the same time a few Brotherly and encouraging words, and I sincerely hope that Brother Campbell will profit in future by his experience of the past, and cease from perpetrating such *inexcusable offences*; for he, which he has brought upon himself, the justly grave censure of his Masonic Brethren, and which if persisted in must eventuate in his being published to the world as a *Masonic outcast*.

There exists one great reason why I feel bound to offer him a *lifting hand*. I find that a burthen and punishment have weighed heavily upon him—to *endure which he has not been sentenced*—and that is: Let him struggle to rise how much he would, both to Masons and Non-Masons he has been constantly described—*advertised*, as it were—as a scoundrel, a rascal—all *bad*. So that he has had about the same kind of opportunity of shaking off the *mire* of his misdeeds, and making atonement, as the hunted *ticket-of-leave man* of common life! This is manifestly unjust, and never contemplated by Free Masonry.

I desired to make my remarks as brief as possible, but the *serious nature* of this case, both to the Craft and Bro. Campbell, has rendered this not possible. Taking every point into consideration, I feel constrained to record my conviction that the accused could not be tried impartially and without existing prejudice by his Lodge. He should have been complained against to Grand Lodge, a disinterested tribunal, to which he was directly amenable as a member. *Expulsion* from the *Craft* is talked of too carelessly. The authorities in England and elsewhere approach it with very great reluctance. It is absolute Masonic *death*, just as much as the taking the life of a criminal on the gallows is a dissolving of every earthy tie. Our Reverend Brother, Dr. Oliver, thus impressively describes it: “Honors are laid in the dust, usefulness is superseded, Masonic Status vanishes, and the *expelled man* disappears from the scene of Masonry as completely as the ripple of the sea subsides after the stately ship has passed over it:—His former Brethren cannot acknowledge him—they pass him by and make no sign. He is a perfect Masonic cypher, and his connection with the Craft

becomes a blank, never to be referred to or mentioned without a sigh or tear of regret."

Viewing this extreme punishment thus seriously, a Masonic writer of the last century arrives at the conclusion that—"As long as there is any *hope of amendment*, the man is rather to be advised than deserted ; but if hopeless and irreclaimable, we may and must desert him ; but let it be with all the *tenderness* imaginable, with as much *unwillingness* and *reluctancy* as the soul leaves her own distempered body. In such a situation our greatest care must be that our former *affection* turn not to inveterate *hatred* ; for though the *friend* be gone, yet still the *man* remains ; and though he has forfeited my *friendship*, still I owe him common *charity*." I heartily agree with this true Free Mason !





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